

The Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012 On February 17, Rep. Becerra voted for the bi-partisan Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012 (H.R. 3630) to extend President Obama's middle class tax cuts for 160 million working Americans, to ensure that Americans who lost their jobs through no fault of their own receive their unemployment insurance benefits, and to guarantee our seniors on Medicare have access to the doctors of their choice and the care they need. Before voting for the legislation, Representative Xavier Becerra (CA-31), Vice Chair of the House Democratic Caucus and Ranking Member of the Social Security Subcommittee, [delivered the following remarks on the floor of the House](#)

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Faye's Story On January 19th, Rep. Becerra sent an email to you about his appointment to the House-Senate conference committee asking for you to [share your story – to be heard](#) – on the importance of President Obama's payroll tax cut, unemployment benefits and how Medicare helps you gain access to the doctor and care that you need. During the first public meeting of the Conference Committee, Rep. Becerra [shared a story from Faye in California](#) on what unemployment insurance means to her and her family:

Bi-Partisan Conference Committee Report The bi-partisan agreement reached by the conference committee represents a rejection of the House Republican bill passed in December that would have quadrupled cuts to public employees salaries and benefits; that increased the cost of Medicare for millions of seniors; that eliminated and restricted access to physical, speech, and occupational therapy in hospital settings for Medicare patients; that eliminated the child tax credit for millions of modest income families; that eliminated unemployment insurance benefits for nearly three million Americans who have lost their jobs through no fault of their own.

[Click here to see a side-by-side comparison of the House Republican bill and the bipartisan Conference Committee compromise report](#)

Details of the Legislation:

- [Conference Report](#)
- [Statement of the Managers](#)
- [Congressional Budget Office score of Conference Agreement](#)

Press Releases:

- [Rep. Becerra Appointed to House-Senate Conference Committee on Middle Class Tax Cuts](#)
- [Rep. Becerra Statement on the Conference Committee Report](#)
- [Rep. Becerra Floor Speech: Agreement on Tax Cuts, Unemployment Insurance & Medicare Payments Represents Compromise, Rejection of Republican Bill](#)