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4.4 MILLION NEW PRIVATE SECTOR JOBS

Today, the Department of Labor released the [June 2012 Jobs Report](#) . Although employment is growing, it's not growing fast enough given the jobs deficit caused by the deep recession. Here's a snapshot of the employment situation in America:

- From December **2007** to December **2009**, more than **8.8 million** Americans lost their jobs through no fault of their own.
- In the month of January **2009** alone, our economy lost **839,000 jobs**.
- In June of **2012**, private businesses added **84,000** new employees to their payrolls, marking the **28th** consecutive month of private sector job growth.
- Between March of **2011** and June **2012**, approximately **4.4 million** new private sector jobs have been created.

SHORT TAKES – WASHINGTON, D.C.

SUPREME COURT DECLARES AFFORDABLE CARE ACT CONSTITUTIONAL

The Supreme Court of the United States reaffirmed the constitutionality of the Affordable Care Act in its decision on June 25. Millions of Americans have already benefitted from health care reform including:

- **105 million** Americans no longer facing lifetime limits on health benefits
- **17 million** children with pre-existing conditions can no longer be denied coverage
- **5.3 million** Americans on Medicare have saved nearly \$4 billion on prescription drugs
- **6.6 million** young adults now remain on their parents' plan until the age of 26

Rep. Becerra released the [following statement after the decision](#) :

“Three years ago, we began our historic work in Congress to ensure that no American could be denied access to quality affordable health care, to lower the costs of prescription drugs for our seniors, and to protect our most vulnerable from the ravages of an out-of-control health care system. Today, the Supreme Court of the United States has reaffirmed the constitutionality of our work on behalf of the American people to fix a broken health care system. I applaud the Court for its reasoned decision and I look forward to building upon the historic health care reform law to put Americans and their doctors back in charge of their health care choices.”

REP. BECERRA ON SUPREME COURT DECISION ON ARIZONA LAW SB 1070

On June 25, after the United States Supreme Court struck down key provisions of Arizona's anti-immigrant law SB 1070, Rep. Becerra [released the following statement](#) :

“Today the Supreme Court reaffirmed what the Constitution makes clear: it is Congress which has the authority to set our national immigration policy. By striking down three of the four most harmful provisions at issue in the case, the Court sent a clear message that a patchwork of conflicting immigration laws across the nation just won't cut it. Even though the Court did not strike down the “show me your papers” provision of the law, it issued a strong warning to not abuse the authority to check the immigration status of individuals suspected of being undocumented. The Court's ruling is a timely reminder to Congress that it has a job to do: it must act on comprehensive immigration reform. It also affirms President Obama's recent decision to remove the threat of deportation from thousands of young people who came to this country through no fault of their own.”

REP. BECERRA ON ABC “THIS WEEK”

On June 24, [Rep. Becerra appeared on ABC “This Week”](#) to discuss the Affordable Care Act and the benefits millions of Americans are already receiving as a result of the historic health care law. Rep. Becerra also discussed President Obama’s recent action to halt the deportation of DREAM Act eligible youth and the importance of the Latino community in 2012.

[You can view the episode here.](#)



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SHORT TAKES – LOS ANGELES

SUPREME COURT DECISION ON HEALTH CARE DISCUSSED DURING TELEPHONE TOWN HALL

On Thursday June 28, Rep. Becerra held a Telephone Town Hall where he heard from

constituents in the 31st Congressional District about various issues including: the Supreme Court's decision on the Affordable Care Act and the Court's decision on Arizona's anti-immigrant law SB 1070. If you missed this telephone town hall you can listen to an audio recording by clicking on the link below (MP3 player required): [Telephone Town Hall, June 28, 2012 \(62 min 32 sec\)](#)

2012 STUDENT ART COMPETITION WINNER TRAVELS TO WASHINGTON, DC

Natasha Carovska, [winner of Rep. Becerra's 2012 Student Art Competition](#), speaks about her experience visiting Washington, DC to see her artwork hanging in the halls of the United States Capitol:



[Click here to watch the video.](#)

REP. BECERRA CONGRATULATES GRADUATING SENIORS AT EAGLE ROCK HIGH

Rep. Becerra attended the Eagle Rock High School Senior Awards ceremony on June 14. He congratulated the graduating class and presented top seniors with certificates of recognition.