WASHINGTON, D.C.—Today Representative Xavier Becerra (CA-31), Vice Chair of the House Democratic Caucus and a senior member of the Ways and Means Committee, joined members of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus, the Congressional Black Caucus and the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus to introduce the Comprehensive Immigration Reform for America's Security and Prosperity Act (CIR A.S.A.P.) of 2009. Congressman Becerra released the following statement:

"We know we stand where the President of the United States stands. We know we say what the President of the United States has said: It is time to fix our broken immigration system once and for all. This is what the American people want. This is what the American people expect. It is time for Congress to catch up to the common-sense thinking of the American people and enact smart, tough, and sensible immigration reform."

The legislation includes:

- Effective and accountable enforcement provisions to protect and strengthen ports of entry.
- Mandatory electronic employment verification to be administered by DHS and be rolled out gradually over time to ensure accuracy.
- Reducing the legal immigration backlog in 6-10 years and waive the three and 10 year bars.
- It requires the Department of Homeland Security to meet minimum requirements for the humane treatment of detainees.

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