WASHINGTON, D.C.—Representative Xavier Becerra (CA-31), Vice Chair of the House Democratic Caucus and a senior member of the Ways and Means Committee, released the following statement responding to President Barack Obama's address to a joint session of Congress tonight:

"The President made a clear and compelling closing argument tonight for comprehensive reform that provides all Americans with affordable, quality health care. The status quo, in which millions of working Americans live every day just one accident or illness away from bankruptcy, can not stand. We have come a long way in Congress, producing fiscally responsible legislation that will bring down health care costs, expand quality coverage and protect insured Americans from the most egregious abuses of the insurance companies. Now it is time to finish the job. The antics and stall tactics of those who profit from the current system will not stop us from enacting the reforms needed to ensure affordable health care for all Americans."

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