WASHINGTON, D.C. — Representative Xavier Becerra (CA-31), Vice Chair of the House Democratic Caucus and senior member of the Ways and Means Committee, issued the following statement regarding President Barack Obama's commitment to push for immigration reform this year:

"Today's confirmation from a White House official that President Obama will begin addressing our flawed immigration system this year, is right on track with his commitment to immigration reform and his willingness to take on our country's toughest challenges. I applaud the President for renewing his campaign commitment and commencing a public dialogue on such a pressing issue. I am confident that with his leadership, we will finally be able to make progress on smart immigration reform that reflects our values as a nation of immigrants and a nation of laws."

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