

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Today the House of Representatives passed [H.R. 3920](#), the Trade and Globalization Assistance Act of 2007, by a vote of [264 to 157](#)

. Representative Xavier Becerra (CA-31), the Assistant to the Speaker and the only congressional member from Southern California on the Ways and Means Committee, voted for the bill.

“This legislation will better meet the needs of American workers and communities affected by globalization,” Rep. Becerra said.

H.R. 3920 expands trade adjustment assistance coverage to more workers (including service workers) and substantially improves the program’s training opportunities and associated health care benefits. The bill also creates new benefits and tax incentives for impacted industries and communities. Recognizing that all unemployed workers, not just those who lose their jobs because of trade, deserve the support of their government, the legislation promotes long-needed reforms to the unemployment insurance system

“Just as we have learned that too many of our troops were deployed to Iraq without sufficient body armor or vehicle protection, too many Americans, as workers, have faced bureaucratic indifference and roadblocks in securing training and adjustment assistance after losing a job due to expanded trade. Today, we plan to change that,” Rep. Becerra said during his Floor speech in support of H.R. 3920.



To view Rep. Becerra’s [floor speech](#),

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