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 today:

“My thoughts and prayers are with the Byrd family on the passing of an American icon, Senator Robert C. Byrd of West Virginia. The longest serving member of the U.S. Senate in history, Robert Byrd will be remembered as a fierce defender of the U.S. Constitution and guardian of the Senate.”

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