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:

"Today, President Barack Obama spoke with conviction and a sense of urgency on the need to fix our broken immigration system," said Rep. Becerra. **"I applaud the President for tackling this challenging issue head on and refusing to 'kick the can down the road.'"**

"No one should hold our country's need for a working immigration system hostage for political or partisan gain. I urge our Republican colleagues in the Senate to step up to the plate and join President Obama and Democrats to enact a bipartisan solution to our broken immigration system."