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WASHINGTON, DC—Today the House of Representatives voted 216 to 198 to pass the DREAM Act. Representative Xavier Becerra (CA-31), Vice Chair of the House Democratic Caucus, voted for the bill and issued the following statement:

“The dream is within reach of becoming reality. And it’s no mystery why both Democrats and Republicans supported the DREAM Act—it’s a sensible solution that embodies fundamental American values. This bill pulls from the shadows children who grew up pledging allegiance to our flag, speaking our language and—despite difficult circumstances—graduating from our high schools.

Pay your fees and taxes, put on the uniform to serve our country or excel so that you are college bound. That is the way to get on the right path as an immigrant. The DREAM Act is not only the right thing to do for some of the best and brightest children caught in a broken immigration system, it is a smart thing to do for our country and our future."