

## ANOTHER KEY PROVISION OF REP. BECERRA'S TAXPAYER BILL OF RIGHTS ACT IMPLEMENTED

WASHINGTON, DC—Today Representative Xavier Becerra (CA-31), Vice Chair of the House Democratic Caucus and senior member of the Ways & Means Committee, released the following statement applauding the launch of a new Treasury Department pilot program that offers convenient, electronic delivery of federal tax refunds on debit cards for Americans without access to a traditional bank account. This is one of three key provisions adopted by Treasury and the IRS in the past year that Rep. Becerra and Senator Jeff Bingaman have long advocated in their Taxpayer Bill of Rights Act. Last year, the IRS moved forward with two other measures, the regulation of paid tax return preparers and the elimination of the debt indicator.

**“In these tough times there’s no reason America’s taxpayers should have to wait a long time to receive their tax refund, or be subject to unscrupulous tax preparers,” Rep. Becerra said. “For a long time I have advocated for these common sense protections and I am gratified that Treasury and the IRS have put them in place to make tax preparation a safer and friendlier process for working families. The next and final step is to pass the Taxpayer Bill of Rights to make these protections permanent.”**

Among its widely supported provisions, the [Taxpayer Bill of Rights Act](#) would:

- Require the IRS to publish a Taxpayer Bill of Rights that clarifies the rights and obligations of American taxpayers.
- Create a grant program that authorizes \$35 million for Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA).
- Increase the authorization for Low-Income Taxpayer Clinics (LITCs) to \$20 million and authorize the IRS to refer taxpayers to LITCs, which can assist taxpayers with disputes they may have with the IRS.