

REP. BECERRA: 'SO BE IT' BUDGET DESTROYS JOBS, BASIC SERVICES AND FAILS TO BALANCE THE BOOKS

WASHINGTON, DC—At 4:40am ET this morning, the House of Representatives passed the Republican continuing budget resolution by a vote of [235 to 189](#). Representative Xavier Becerra (CA-31), Vice Chair of the House Democratic Caucus and Ranking Member of the Ways and Means Subcommittee on Social Security, voted against the bill and released the following statement:

“Forty seven days into the 112th Congress, and we have yet to see a single bill, hearing or action taken on the part of the new Republican majority to promote job creation in America.

Yet, with a ‘so be it’ attitude, in their first true statement of priorities Republicans have produced an ill conceived budget resolution that succeeds in destroying jobs and effective government services while failing to tackle our long term deficit problem.

What do these cuts mean for America's working families?

- **800,000 fewer jobs in America, according to the Economic Policy Institute**
- **Over 700,000 seniors, disabled workers, and surviving family members would be stuck in a Social Security backlog as field offices are shut down for an entire month**
- **200,000 children would lose access to their local Head Start program**
- **Millions of children would have larger class sizes**
- **Longer wait times at community health clinics that treat the uninsured**

These are just a few of the dramatic consequences of these reckless cuts that do nothing to fix our long term deficit problem. If Republicans are not willing to join President Obama and Democrats in making tough, but smart budget decisions that cut where we can and invest where we must, then at least they should abide by the physician's

hippocratic oath to 'do no harm'."