WASHINGTON, DC—Representative Xavier Becerra (CA-31), Vice Chair of the House Democratic Caucus, released the following statement on the introduction of legislation (H.R. 1164) by House Republicans to make it harder for Americans with limited English proficiency to access government services paid for by their tax dollars:

"We should help taxpaying, law-abiding Americans learn English—not make it harder. In my district, adult English-language classes have waiting lists overflowing with new Americans eager to become proficient English speakers. Instead of making it harder for them to function in our society, let's drop this silly charade and work on a solution that makes it easier to learn English."