

WASHINGTON, DC—Today the House of Representatives voted on a measure (H.R. 1363) which takes Congress one step closer to shutting down the government of the United States. The House Republican majority passed H.R. 1363, another one week continuing budget resolution, knowing that it would not pass in the Senate, that the President announced that he could not sign it, and that the American people oppose this baby-step budgeting. Representative Xavier Becerra (CA-31), Vice Chair of the House Democratic Caucus, voted against the bill and released the following statement:

**“House Republicans have made their priorities clear: they’d rather shut down the federal government than agree to a bipartisan deficit reduction plan. In fact, they’ve been cheering ‘shut it down’ at meetings and political rallies.□**

**They just won’t take yes for an answer and they’re willing to risk American jobs and our economic recovery to prove it.**

**The American people are looking for leadership, not partisanship. They want us to focus on creating jobs, not play Russian Roulette with our economy.□ Yet, we are fourteen weeks into this new Congress and that’s exactly what is happening in DC. No jobs bills. No hearings on jobs. Not a single effort to create jobs in America. Just week after week of irresponsible, ill-conceived short-term budgets. This is no way to run even the smallest business on Main Street, let alone the largest economy in the world.”**