WASHINGTON, DC—Today the House of Representatives passed H.R. 1473, the continuing budget resolution for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2011. 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 resolution and released the following statement:

"These are not smart cuts. These are not targeted cuts. And worst of all, these are painful cuts that do little to fix our long-term deficit problem.

As a result of this budget, billions will be cut from student aid and elementary education programs. High speed rail projects will be put on hold. And disabled workers will once again find themselves in a backlog when they apply for the Social Security benefits they earned.

For all of this pain, there should be some gain. Yet, this budget does virtually nothing to address the long-term fiscal challenges we face. Let's hope this is the last time the Republican-led House will walk our government to the edge of the cliff to make their point."