WASHINGTON, DC—Representative Xavier Becerra (CA-31), Vice Chair of the House Democratic Caucus, released the following statement on the confirmation that Osama bin Laden, the mastermind behind the September 11, 2001 attacks against the United States, has been killed:

“With the attack on 9/11, America had the right and the duty to pursue all those responsible, wherever that might take us. Justice for the victims and their families and for America's security and integrity demanded no less.

The death of Osama bin Laden brings us one chapter closer to securing that justice.

As we find ourselves remembering the collective tragedies of that day almost ten years ago, my thoughts and prayers go out to all those who lost loved ones and to the families of our troops who have sacrificed for us. We do well not to lose sight of the real price of freedom and democracy.

I commend our brave men and women in uniform, President Obama and his national security team and America's intelligence community for their service and relentless determination to keep our country safe.”