

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Today the House of Representatives voted to pass legislation ( [H.R. 1213](#) ) that would deny funding for states to establish a consumer marketplace for reasonably priced health insurance policies. Representative Xavier Becerra (CA-31), Vice Chair of the House Democratic Caucus and Ranking Member of the Social Security Subcommittee, voted against the measure and released the following statement:

**“Four months and counting, still not a single bill, hearing or action taken by the Republican majority to create jobs and grow the economy. Instead of a jobs agenda, the majority voted to turn Medicare into CouponCare—rationing benefits and increasing seniors medical bills by an average annual amount of \$6,000—and today the House voted to eliminate health care coverage for half a million Americans and to deny another million more the freedom to choose their own plan. This drive to destroy the health care reform law is a distraction from what our priorities should be: putting millions of Americans back to work and strengthening Medicare.”**