WASHINGTON, DC—Today in response to news reports that House and Senate Republican members left the White House negotiations to reduce the deficit, Congressman Xavier Becerra (CA-31), Vice Chair of the House Democratic Caucus and Ranking Member of the Ways and Means Subcommittee on Social Security, issued the following statement:

"Instead of making the hard choices to find a responsible way to reduce the deficit, Republicans are running away from the mess they created. Is this the adult moment they promised the American people in November?"