WASHINGTON, DC—Yesterday, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) announced changes to immigration enforcement policy that would allow law-abiding and vulnerable undocumented immigrants to come out of the shadows. Representative Xavier Becerra (CA-31), Vice Chair of the House Democratic Caucus, released the following statement after learning of the announcement:

"The President injected a critical dose of common sense today into the enforcement of our immigration laws. Instead of being stretched thin spending precious resources pursuing people who pose no national security or criminal threat to our country, our immigration service will now sharpen its efforts to identify, descend upon and remove the criminals and those who would do us harm. This is more than a good step—it is a giant leap toward sanity and the ultimate goal of fixing our broken immigration system once and for all. We look forward to working with and receiving reports from the Administration, DHS and its enforcement personnel as we move forward to successfully implement this new policy."