WASHINGTON, DC—Today Representative Xavier Becerra (CA-31), Vice Chair of the House Democratic Caucus and member of the Joint Select Committee on Deficit Reduction, released the following statement on President Barack Obama's plan for economic growth and long-term deficit reduction:

"President Barack Obama has laid out his vision to get our country back on track by putting Americans back to work and responsibly reducing the long-term deficit. I commend the President for putting forward a serious plan that asks all Americans to sacrifice today so that our children will prosper tomorrow.

As the Joint Select Committee works to find a bipartisan approach to restore fiscal responsibility to our budget, we must review every recommendation that couples job creation and investment with smart, responsible long-term deficit reduction."