WASHINGTON, D.C.— Representative Xavier Becerra (CA-31), Vice Chair of the House Democratic Caucus, released the following statement following Governor Jerry Brown's signing of the California DREAM Act (AB 131) on Saturday:

"As a proud Californian, I applaud Governor Jerry Brown for signing into law the California DREAM Act—a law that gives hope and opportunity to hardworking, achieving young people who are college bound. Where the federal government has failed to act, states including Illinois, New York and now California have led the way with sensible reforms to our broken immigration system."

The California DREAM Act grants undocumented students who meet academic standards the opportunity to apply for state financial assistance at public universities and community colleges. This legislation takes effect January 1, 2013 and follows Governor Brown's signing of AB 130 in July, a bill which allows undocumented students to receive private scholarships.