

WASHINGTON, DC—Representative Xavier Becerra (CA-31), Vice Chair of the House Democratic Caucus, joined 132 colleagues from the House of Representatives in submitting an amicus brief to the First Circuit Court of Appeals in the case Gill vs. OPM in favor of overturning the discriminatory Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA). Rep. Becerra released the following statement after the brief was filed:

**"When a group of Americans is singled out for discriminatory treatment, it is the duty of our courts to enforce the constitution and the equal protection of all our citizens. I am proud to stand with my colleagues and a growing majority of Americans who believe in marriage equality and the constitutional right to equal protection under our state and federal laws for all."**

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