WASHINGTON, DC—After the U.S. Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that California's Proposition 8 is unconstitutional, Representative Xavier Becerra (CA-31), Vice Chair of the House Democratic Caucus, released the following statement:

"Once again, justice and common sense have prevailed. The Ninth Circuit's ruling that California's Proposition 8 banning same sex marriage is unconstitutional affirms the sanctity of equal protection in our country – a principle that protects us all. In the battle against discrimination, we take another step forward today."