

WASHINGTON, D.C. — In recognition of Equal Pay Day, Representative Xavier Becerra (CA-31), Vice Chair of the House Democratic Caucus and Ranking Member of the Social Security Subcommittee, released the following statement:

“For many hardworking American women, equal work still does not mean equal pay. Today, we remember that the issue of equal pay is also a family issue. When families across the country increasingly count on women’s wages to make ends meet, 77 cents for every dollar just doesn’t cut it.

I’m proud that Congress passed the Lily Ledbetter Fair Pay Act in 2009, the first piece of legislation signed into law by President Obama, which helps women challenge unfair pay in court. But we still have work to do. We must ensure that women in America are afforded fairness and opportunity that strengthen our families and the nation.”