WASHINGTON, DC—Today, the House of Representatives voted on legislation (H.R. 6365) to replace the upcoming sequestration budget cuts called for in the Budget Control Act of 2011. Representative Xavier Becerra (CA-31), Vice Chair of the House Democratic Caucus, voted against the bill and released the following statement:

“Here we go again. After supporting the Budget Control Act last year, House Republicans are once again walking away from their own votes. As a member of the Joint Select Committee on Deficit Reduction, I made clear my disappointment in our missed opportunity to find a bipartisan, balanced proposal for job creation and deficit reduction. And I still believe the American people deserve better than indiscriminate cuts to important programs, which is one of the reasons I voted against the Budget Control Act in the first place. However, Congress cannot continue to shirk its responsibility; it must find the courage to make the tough choices. Outsourcing its duty is no way to govern.”