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Dear Democratic Colleague,

I enthusiastically endorse Xavier Becerra as the next Ranking Member of the Ways and Means Committee.

Xavier brings the perfect set of talents to the challenges we face on the Committee and in the U.S. House as we prepare to confront the uniquely destructive combination of President Trump and Speaker Ryan.

**Strategic and Articulate** – He is smart on policy but in a way that is both strategic and creative. He is always focused on creating a strategic approach and then effectively communicating it to the public.

**Passionate and Principled** – There is never any question about where Xavier stands. He fights for our progressive principles. They have grounded him his entire life in public service.

**Strong and Collaborative** – He has the experience to both reach out and keep us together. In previous legislative battles when there was the risk we would splinter, Xavier always spoke out about the need for unity. He knows that it will be our resolve that will effectively counter Trump/Ryan.

His record as our Caucus Chair and a Member of the Ways and Means Committee speaks volumes to the type of Ranking Member that Xavier will be. As Caucus Chair, he has worked hard to involve Members and to assist their offices both in DC and in District. Also, whenever there was a tough job to be done – one where we needed to be sure that our principles were protected – Xavier was called on to represent us. This was certainly the case on the Bowles-Simpson Commission and the so-called Super Committee where Xavier was not going to allow a cuts-only approach that would sacrifice all of our domestic priorities.

Having served with Xavier and worked closely with him on the Committee, I am confident that he is the type of next generation leader that we need to fully assume the mantle of leadership in the battles of the next four years; battles that require all of us to be fully and actively involved on behalf of the American people.

I would welcome the opportunity to discuss this with you further in the days ahead.

