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VIA EMAIL

Special Committee on the Office of Attorney General
Assembly Capitol, Room 126
Sacramento, CA 94249-0079

Re: Congressman Xavier Becerra

To The Full Special Committee:

I write to support the confirmation of Xavier Becerra as California's Attorney General.

I got to know Xavier when I served as Attorney General (83-91). He joined the office as a Deputy Attorney General and served in the office's Civil Division, handling everything from mandamus matters and administrative trials to superior court appearances and appellate work. He was there from 87-90.

He was very well thought of as a Deputy and was regarded as a good colleague.

I was happy to support him when he ran successfully for the State Assembly in 1990; in 1992 he was elected to Congress, in the seat long held by Congressman Edward Roybal.

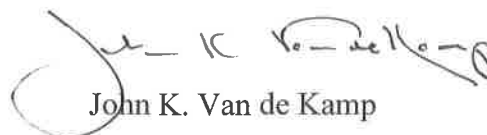
He has been re-elected in every election since that time and has risen in Congress to serve as the Vice Chair of the Democratic Caucus.

Of note is the fact that he obtained his law degree from Stanford Law School (my alma mater); earlier he received his BA from Stanford.

He can speak to his position on the various social issues, but it is fair to say that his views are in line with those held by the majority of Californians.

He's hardworking, principled, thoughtful, a man of real civility who has the potential of getting the office behind him, and in so doing, serving very effectively at a time when California needs a strong and effective Attorney General.

Yours very truly,



John K. Van de Kamp