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Montgomery County Delegation Responds to the President's Actions to Dismantle DACA

ANNAPOLIS, MD - The Montgomery County Delegation to the Maryland Legislature condemns the actions taken by the President to dismantle the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program (DACA). Montgomery County is one of the most culturally diverse counties in our country and we have stood and will continue to stand for those residents who came here as children, were educated in our school system, and who are a vital part of our workforce.

These young people who have complied with the law under DACA now face serious threats to their futures, and by moving forward with the President's plan, federal authorities are backtracking on their promises to over 800,000 young immigrants in our country.

Moving forward with this action will not only harm those people who trusted in our government and followed the law, but it will also adversely affect the economy in Montgomery County and throughout the country. In January, The CATO Institute reported that, "...a repeal or roll-back of DACA would harm the economy and cost the U.S. government a significant amount of lost tax revenue. We estimate that the fiscal cost of immediately deporting the approximately 750,000 people currently in the DACA program would be over \$60 billion to the federal government along with a \$280 billion reduction in economic growth over the next decade."

The Montgomery County Delegation believes that the decision to repeal DACA is discriminatory, and we will work closely with our Congressional delegation to stop this unfair action. We remain dedicated to ensuring that Montgomery County and the State of Maryland remains a place where all residents can pursue the American Dream.

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