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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **DEMARIA JOINS COMMUNITY GROUPS & MEMBERS FOR DACA CANDLELIGHT VIGIL**

On Friday, September 8<sup>th</sup> Mayor Carlo DeMaria joined the Safe and Welcoming Everett Coalition, La Comunidad, and community members at a vigil in response to President Trump's decision last week to cancel the DACA program (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals).

Over a hundred attendees gathered together as a community to hear stories and call upon Congress to act quickly to help the 800,000 young people across the country registered through the DACA program, 8,000 of who reside here in Massachusetts.

Mayor DeMaria stated, "These young people arrived here as children and grew up in the United States, and through the program, have registered with the government, passed background and biometrics checks, received state identification cards and in some cases drivers licenses, enrolled in college, held jobs and paid taxes, and even purchased homes. For these reasons, I called upon Congress to act swiftly to craft bipartisan, sensible legislation that will allow the benefits of the DACA program to continue."

Earlier in the week, Mayor DeMaria joined hundreds of elected officials and called upon Congress to act swiftly to craft bipartisan, sensible legislation that will allow the benefits of the DACA program to continue.

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