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ECDC Responds to Trump Administration Rescinding the DACA Program Calls on Congress to Find a Permanent Solution

Arlington, VA— Following the Attorney General’s announcement of the phasing out of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program, Dr. Tsehay Teferra, President of the Ethiopian Community Development Council, Inc., released the following statement:

“ECDC has been fervently serving immigrants and refugees since 1983. We recognize the strength, resilience and contributions of immigrants to the United States, and we count among these contributors the nearly 800,000 individuals who have accessed DACA since the inception of the program.

“Ninety-seven percent of DACA recipients are in school or in the workforce. They have submitted to extensive background checks, registered with our government and pay taxes. Most importantly, these individuals grew up in America. Ending this program without a replacement action threatens the future of young undocumented immigrants brought to America as children. The Center for American Progress estimates that without Dreamers our economy would lose \$460.3 billion from the national GDP and \$24.6 billion in Social Security and Medicare tax contributions.

“ECDC urges Congress to follow through with its commitment to govern by passing legislation to help create a permanent solution for DACA recipients.”

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ECDC is one of nine resettlement agencies working in partnership with the Department of State and the Office of Refugee Resettlement to provide initial placement and support services to refugees being resettled in the United States. ECDC promotes cultural, educational and socio-economic development programs to assist refugees and immigrants in becoming productive members of their new homeland.