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Additional Supporters for the SERVE Act (H.R. 2767) and Nutrition CARE Act (H.R. 3711)

The Eating Disorders Coalition is pleased to announce new co-sponsors for the SERVE Act and Nutrition CARE Act. Congressman Tim Ryan (D-OH-13) has become the most recent co-sponsor of the SERVE Act, and Congressman Josh Harder (D-CA-10) has become the newest co-sponsor of the Nutrition CARE Act.

U.S. Department of Health & Human Services Office on Women's Health Convening on Eating Disorders and Obesity Messaging Meeting Summary

The HHS Office on Women's Health released their meeting summary of the March 2019 convening entitled, "How to Talk about Healthy Weight and Healthy Eating: A Cross-Disciplinary Dialogue on Messaging to Promote Healthy Behaviors and Positive Body Image". Several members of the Eating Disorders Coalition attended in addition to other advocates and researchers. A link to our press statement regarding the meeting summary can be found [here](#). The press statement also links to an executive summary of the meeting, which can be found [here](#), and a full report of the meeting, which can be found [here](#).

EDC Letters of Support

Letter of Support for the Effective Suicide Screening and Assessment in the Emergency Department Act of 2019 (H.R. 4861)

The Eating Disorders Coalition, along with other members of the Mental Health Liaison Group (MHLG), expressed their strong support for the Effective Suicide Screening and Assessment in the Emergency Department Act of 2019, in a letter to Rep. Engel (D-NY-16) and Rep. Bilirakis (R-FL-12). This bipartisan bill would help address the rising rate of suicide in the United States by improving the identification, assessment, and treatment of patients in emergency departments who are at high risk of suicide. The letter of support can be found [here](#).

Letter of Support for the Barriers to Suicide Act of 2019 (H.R. 4309)

The Eating Disorders Coalition joined fellow members of the Mental Health Liaison Group (MHLG) in affirming their support for the bipartisan Barriers to Suicide Act of 2019 in a letter to Rep. Beyer (D-VA-8), Rep. Napolitano (D-CA-32), and Rep. Katko (R-NY-24). This legislation would create grants for state and local governments to fund nets and barriers on bridges to prevent deaths by suicide. The letter of support can be found [here](#).

Tennessee TennCare II Demonstration Amendment 42 Opposition Letter

The Eating Disorders Coalition signed onto to a letter led by the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI), urging the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services to reject Tennessee's request to fundamentally change the way TennCare is operated/funded through spending caps, and instead focus on activities that will help improve the well-being of people with mental health disorders. The full letter of support can be found [here](#).

U.S. Department of Health & Human Services Grants Regulation Proposed Rule RIN 0991-AC16 Opposition Letter

Led by The Trevor Project, the Eating Disorders Coalition signed onto a letter urging the withdrawal of the federal agency's proposed rule and return to enforcement of the previously

issued Final Order protecting all beneficiaries of federally funded programs under HHS from discrimination on the basis of any non-merit factor. The full letter of support can be found [here](#).

Eating Disorders Personal Story Collection

The Eating Disorders Coalition is collecting stories from our advocates on their experiences as military members, veterans, and their families who are/were affected by eating disorders in order to inform our advocacy efforts on Capitol Hill and develop a strong grassroots network of advocates across the U.S.

We are also collecting personal stories and advocacy interest from individuals on Medicare including persons aged 65 years of age and older and persons experiencing disabilities, and non-Medicare recipients who have had issues gaining insurance coverage for Nutrition Counseling (i.e. dietitian services) for their eating disorder.

If you have personal experiences with any of these issues, please fill out this [survey](#) for military and this [survey](#) for Medicare, disability, and/or Nutrition Counseling coverage.

EDC Action Alerts

The Eating Disorders Coalition continues to engage our community through Action Alerts via email and text message. We need your voice to contact elected officials to further important eating disorder legislative priorities. Would you like to be notified about Action Alerts via our new text message advocacy system in the future? Sign up through this [link](#).

Thank you to our members who support EDC's successful policy efforts!

Champions Circle

- Residential Eating Disorders Consortium

Executive Circle

- Clementine
- Eating Recovery Center
- The Emily Program
- Monte Nido
- Oliver-Pyatt Centers
- Veritas Collaborative
- WithAll

Policy Circle

- Academy for Eating Disorders
- National Eating Disorders Association (NEDA)
- The Renfrew Center

Leadership Circle

- Alliance for Eating Disorders Awareness
- Bannister Consultancy
- The Donahue Foundation
- Focus Treatment Center
- Gail R. Schoenbach FREED Foundation
- International Association of Eating Disorders Professionals Foundation (iaedp)
- Reasons Eating Disorder Center

Advocacy Circle

- Center for Change
- Laureate Eating Disorders Program
- Walden Behavioral Care

Support Circle

- Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics (AND)
- Alsana: Eating Disorders Treatment and Recovery Centers
- Cambridge Eating Disorder Center
- Center for Discovery
- The Center for Eating Disorders at Sheppard Pratt
- Eating Disorder Hope
- Mirasol Eating Disorder Recovery Centers
- Multi-Service Eating Disorders Association
- Park Nicollet Melrose Center
- Rosewood Centers for Eating Disorders
- Strategic Training Initiative for the Prevention of Eating Disorders (STRIPED)

Hope Circle

- Eating Disorder Coalition of Iowa (EDCI)
- The Eating Disorders Center at Rogers Memorial Hospital
- Eating Disorder Therapy LA
- FEAST
- International Federation of Eating Disorders Dietitians (IFEDD)
- Moonshadow's Spirit
- The National Association of Anorexia Nervosa and Associated Eating Disorders
- Project HEAL
- Stay Strong Virginia
- Wrobel & Smith, PLLP

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