



The Eating Disorders Coalition Releases 2022 Interim Congressional Scorecard

WASHINGTON, D.C. (October 12, 2022)- The Eating Disorders Coalition for Research, Policy & Action (EDC) is pleased to announce the publication of its third biannual [Interim Congressional Scorecard](#). This scorecard reflects how members of the 117th Congress' House of Representatives and Senate supported eating disorders initiatives over the last two years. EDC advocate voters depend on the EDC's Interim Scorecard as they make voting decisions for this coming election day.

Members of Congress are assigned a letter grade based on their support for thirteen legislative initiatives in federal eating disorders policy, including the Anna Westin Legacy Act, SERVE Act, Improving Mental Health and Wellness Act, Telemental Health Parity Act, Nutrition CARE Act, and efforts in annual appropriations and the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA). The scorecard is based on a point system that measures support for each bill based on co-sponsorship or co-signature on an initiative, with extra points given to members that led a bill or provided advocacy behind the scenes.

The EDC is excited to share the introduction of new elements to the third biannual Scorecard. These additions include a map outlining Congressional Champions' districts, past grades to compare Member support for eating disorders over time, and a "Rising Star" feature spotlighting members that are on a path toward EDC Congressional Champion designation.

The EDC is honored to recognize 64 bipartisan Congressional Champions. These Members demonstrated their commitment to the eating disorders community through persistent support for funding, training, and treatment. Nineteen members of the U.S. Senate and 45 members of the House of Representatives received an A, earning their Champion status. This grade represents the dedication of these Members to solving the United States' eating disorders crisis that takes a life every 52 minutes. In particular, the EDC extends its gratitude to the 29 bipartisan Champions that spearheaded these critical eating disorders policy initiatives.

Five Senators and nineteen Representatives were recognized as Rising Stars this year, a designation given to those that earned a B. These individuals have demonstrated an increasing interest in advocating for eating disorders policy change. The EDC will publish the final 2022 Congressional Scorecard at the end of the legislative session, so there are still opportunities for members to improve their score. The EDC looks forward to the continued support from Congress to ensure eating disorders survivors and advocates are heard.

The Eating Disorders Coalition for Research, Policy & Action (EDC) is a Washington, DC-based, federal advocacy organization comprised of advocacy organizations, academics, treatment providers, family/loved ones of children with eating disorders, and people experiencing eating disorders nationwide. The EDC advances the recognition of eating disorders as a public health priority throughout the United States. Additional resources can also be found at eatingdisorderscoalition.org.

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