



August 5, 2015

**The Honorable Ted Deutch**  
2447 Rayburn House Office Building  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

**The Honorable Ileana Ros-Lehtinen**  
2206 Rayburn House Office Building  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representatives Deutch and Ros-Lehtinen:

On behalf of the Multi-Service Eating Disorders Association (MEDA) located in Newton, MA, I am writing to express our appreciation and support for the "Anna Westin Act of 2015" (H.R. 2515). This comprehensive legislation offers major advancements in our nation's mental health system that will help individuals affected by eating disorders – from sufferers, to treatment providers, to family members.

MEDA is the foremost eating disorders non-profit organization in the Northeast. We provide education and awareness about eating disorders to the community, and we also offer a variety of services to support individuals and families through the various stages of their recovery.

H.R. 2515 includes many notable provisions that will improve the treatment of eating disorders. At MEDA, we work in the trenches with these deadly diseases, and as hard as we try to educate the public, there is only so much we can do. A more widespread effort to train health professionals and school personnel would make a huge difference. Every single day we work with clients and families who struggle to seek treatment due to insurance coverage complications. Early intervention and comprehensive treatment are so crucial for recovery, and lack of coverage only hinders that.

With eating disorders having the highest mortality rate out of any other mental illness, we applaud you for your dedication to this important issue. Although we wish Anna was still alive, we are grateful to the people who are fighting so bravely against eating disorders in her memory. Thank you for championing the Anna Westin Act of 2015. We are grateful for your leadership and look forward to working with you, your staff, and colleagues to further improve and advance this bill through the legislative process.

Sincerely,

Beth Mayer, LICSW  
Executive Director, MEDA

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**The Honorable Amy Klobuchar**  
302 Hart Senate Office Building  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

**The Honorable Kelly Ayotte**  
144 Russell Senate Office Building  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senators Klobuchar and Ayotte:

On behalf of the Multi-Service Eating Disorders Association (MEDA) located in Newton, MA, I am writing to express our appreciation and support for the “Anna Westin Act of 2015” (S. 1865). This comprehensive legislation offers major advancements in our nation’s mental health system that will help individuals affected by eating disorders –from sufferers, to treatment providers, to family members.

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