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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 Senator Klobuchar and Senator Ayotte,

The Emily Program, a member of the Eating Disorder Coalition and a treatment provider to people suffering from eating disorders, is grateful to you for introducing The Anna Westin Act of 2015 (S. 1865). We would like to offer our full support of the AWA which will save lives by educating health professionals to recognize early symptoms, clarify that the Paul Wellstone and Pete Domenici Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act intended to cover eating disorders, and shed light on the harmful effects of digitally altered images in advertising.

As you know, The Anna Westin Act was named after a Minnesota woman who died of an eating disorder in 2000. The Emily Program is a Minnesota based treatment provider with offices across the United States. We have supported the Westin's throughout their journey and are proud to lend our support The Anna Westin Act.

Thank you for championing the Anna Westin Act of 2015 and for your dedication to helping the 30 million people who suffer from eating disorders in the United States. It is leaders like you who give us all hope for a future where health care professionals are trained to recognize eating disorders, that Mental Health Parity is upheld, and the affects of digitally altering images are full understood.

With deep respect,

Dirk Miller  
Founder and CEO  
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The Honorable Ileana Ros-Lehtinen  
United States House of Representatives  
2206 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Ted Deutch  
United States House of Representatives  
2447 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congresswomen Ros-Lehtinen and Congressman Deutch,

The Emily Program, a member of the Eating Disorder Coalition and a treatment provider to people suffering from eating disorders, is grateful to you for introducing The Anna Westin Act of 2015 (HR 2515). We would like to offer our full support of the AWA which will save lives by educating health professionals to recognize early symptoms, clarify that the Paul Wellstone and Pete Domenici Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act intended to cover eating disorders, and shed light on the harmful effects of digitally altered images in advertising.

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