



Eating Disorders Coalition Mourns the Loss of Congresswoman Jackie Walorski

WASHINGTON D.C. (August 5, 2022)- The Eating Disorders Coalition for Research, Policy & Action (EDC) is deeply saddened by the recent passing of Representative Jackie Walorski (R-IN-02). Representative Walorski and two members of her congressional staff, Communications Director Emma Thomson, and District Director Zachery Potts, died in a car crash on Wednesday afternoon in northern Indiana, along with the woman driving the other vehicle, Edith Schmucker. Representative Walorski served on the House of Representatives Ways and Means Committee and was the ranking member of the Subcommittee on Worker and Family Support, as well as the House Ethics Committee.

The EDC remains grateful to have worked alongside Representative Walorski as one of the organization's champions for eating disorders policy. Representative Walorski, alongside Representative Judy Chu (D-CA-37), led the Nutrition CARE Act, legislation that would ensure that every key pillar of eating disorders, including medical nutrition therapy (nutrition counseling), is covered by Medicare. Additionally, the Congresswoman was a fierce champion in combatting food insecurity as Co-Chair of the bipartisan House Hunger Caucus and was instrumental in advocating for the upcoming White House Conference on Hunger, Nutrition and Health planned for this fall.

"The National Alliance for Eating Disorders, and specifically members of our Indiana Affiliate and community, collectively mourns the tragic passing of Representative Jackie Walorski, Emma Thomson, Zachery Potts, and Edith Schmucker," **said Johanna Kandel, CEO at The National**

Alliance for Eating Disorders and EDC Board Member. "We send our heartfelt condolences to all their family, friends, staff, & members of their (our) community. We will always be so humbled and grateful for Representative Walorski's tremendous contributions to our field, and for being such a champion to individuals experiencing eating disorders, as well as their families."

It is impossible to measure the impact Representative Walorski had on the countless lives she touched, both personally and professionally. The EDC's sincerest condolences are with the family, friends, and many loved ones grieving this devastating loss.

The Eating Disorders Coalition for Research, Policy & Action (EDC) is a federal advocacy organization based in Washington, DC. The EDC advances the recognition of eating disorders as a public health priority throughout the United States. Additional resources can be found at eatingdisorderscoalition.org.

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