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New Co-Sponsors of the Nutrition CARE Act ([H.R. 1551/S. 584](#))

The EDC is pleased to announce that 5 Representatives signed on to the Nutrition CARE Act in the month of June! Shout out to Rep. Wasserman Schultz [D-FL-23], Rep. Brownley [D-CA-26], Rep. Kuster [D-NH-02], Rep. Auchincloss [D-MA-04], and Rep. Lawson [D-FL-05].



New Co-Sponsors of the SERVE Act ([H.R. 1309/S. 194](#))

The EDC is also happy to share with the community that 2 Senators and 8 Representatives became new co-sponsors of the SERVE Act in the month of June. Huge thanks to Sen. Bennet [D-CO], Sen. Feinstein [D-CA], Rep. Strickland [D-WA-10], Rep. Lynch [D-MA-8], Rep. Suozzi [D-NY-03], Rep. Wild [D-PA-07], Rep. Brownley [D-CA-26], Rep. Pocan [D-WI-02], Rep. Schakowsky [D-IL-09], and Rep. Veasey [D-TX-33].

Senate Committee on Finance Hearing

On June 15th, the Senate Committee on Finance held a hearing entitled “Mental Health Care in America: Addressing Root Causes and identifying Policy Solutions.” Senator Warner [D-VA] addressed eating disorders, asking how [we] can combat the rising rates of eating disorders that occurred during the COVID-19 pandemic. You can view Senator Warner’s contribution [here](#). The full hearing can be found [here](#).

EDC and The Alliance for Eating Disorders Awareness Webinar- Recap

On June 29th, the Eating Disorders Coalition for Research, Policy, & Action and The Alliance for Eating Disorders Awareness cohosted a webinar entitled, “Our Bodies, Our Communities: Supporting Individuals with Eating Disorders,” in honor of Pride Month. Featured speakers included: Jerel P. Calzo, PhD, MPH, who serves as an Associate Professor of Public Health at San Diego State University, and as a Core Investigator at the Institute for Behavioral and Community Health, Schuyler Bailar, Author, Activist, Life

Coach, and the first Trans Athlete on a National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division I men's team, Rachel Rifkin, LMHC, MA, EdM, an Eating Disorder and LGBTQ+ Counselor and Consultant, & Chase Bannister, EDC Board President MDIV, MSW, LCSW, CEDS.

To read more about the webinar and view the recording, see our press release [here](#).

EDC Super Advocates

While we at the EDC are always hard at work urging Members of Congress to support eating disorders initiatives, there is nothing more important to Members of Congress than the opinions of their constituents.

We are looking for individuals to become a leader in their community, our ***Super Advocates*** will be tasked to (1) devote time for outreach to Members of Congress asking them to support EDC legislation and (2) help grow our advocate base in your community. We have five different levels for you to participate in and receive recognition for your time and dedication. If you are interested in participating or learning more, please reach out to Emily Rosenberg at erosenberg@eatingdisorderscoalition.org

Eating Disorders Personal Story Collection

The Eating Disorders Coalition continues to collect 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](#).

