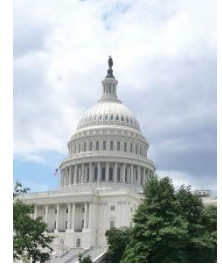


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#### **Introduction of the Improving Mental Health and Wellness in Schools Act with Celebratory Congressional Briefing**

The Improving Mental Health and Wellness in Schools Act ([H.R. 5526/S. 2930](#)) has been introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate. The EDC thanks Representatives Kathy Manning (D-NC-06) and Vicky Hartzler (R-MO-04) and Senators Amy Klobuchar (D-MN) and Cynthia Lummis (R-WY) for championing this legislation. The EDC partnered with the National Alliance for Eating Disorders and Be Real USA to promote the necessity of mental health education, including education on eating disorders, in schools to support our nation's youth. The EDC held a briefing on October 26<sup>th</sup> that was attended by 132 people, 82 being Congressional staff. The full press release can be found [here](#) and the recording of the briefing can be found [here](#).

#### **Senators Michael Bennet and John Cornyn's Request for Information**

The EDC submitted a response to Senators Michael Bennet (D-CO) and John Cornyn's (R-TX) Request for Information on re-envisioning the American mental health care system and offered a dozen evidence-based proposals to improve research, support, and health care for individuals experiencing eating disorders. Read more [here](#).

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

The EDC is excited to have four new co-sponsors for the Nutrition CARE Act! The EDC thanks Rep. Lori Trahan (D-MA-03), Rep. Peter Welch (D-VT-AL), Rep. Jamie Raskin (D-MD-08), and Rep. Ro Khanna (D-CA-17) for becoming the latest co-sponsors.

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

The EDC would like to thank Rep. Young Kim (R-CA-39) for becoming a co-sponsor of the SERVE Act!

## EDC Letters of Support

### Extending the Federal Parity Act

The EDC signed a letter to Senators Ron Wyden (D-OR) and Mike Crapo (R-ID) and Senators Michael Bennet (D-CO) and John Cornyn (R-TX) asking them to extend the Federal Parity Act through statute to TRICARE to ensure equal coverage to the military and their families. Read more [here](#) and [here](#).

### EDC Super Advocates

The EDC would like to welcome and recognize 29 new Super Advocates in the month of October! These individuals will help the EDC grow its advocate base in their state, participate in social media campaigns and partake in outreach to their legislators. If you are interested in getting involved, please email Emily Rosenberg at [erosenberg@eatingdisorderscoalition.org](mailto:erosenberg@eatingdisorderscoalition.org).

**Diamond:** Donna Friedman (SC), Sydney Clarkin (KS)

**Gold:** Janet Conroy-Quirk (MA), Emma Moore (MI), Sara Williams (OH), Brittany Sweetz (TN), Elizabeth Mariutto (OH), Chelsea Lange (OK), Abby Matthews (OH), Stephanie Lynn (NJ), Kathryn Smith (OR), Jessica Shoshana Abramson (OR), Jasmyn Cornell (GA), Lindsay Bailey (OH)

**Silver:** Emma Stoloff (MA), Antoinette Goosby (MD), Christine Sink (MO), Karen Krygier (MN), Jennifer Heinen (MA), Peggy Pratt (TN), Sadie Kasiah (OR),

**Bronze:** Beth Mayer (MA), Kelly Klump (MA), Maddie Spalding (MN), Maureen Keating (MI), Alison Sabean (MA), Sarah Van De Weert (OH), Amy Aubertin (NH), Justine Feinstein (OH)

### 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 collecting personal stories and advocacy interest from individuals regarding how social media may have triggered yours or a loved one's body image concerns or an eating disorder.

If you have personal experiences with any of these issues, please fill out this [survey](#) for military, this [survey](#) for Medicare, disability, and/or Nutrition Counseling coverage, and this [survey](#) for social media's impact on body image and eating disorder.

### 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](#).

## Thank you to our members who support EDC's successful policy efforts!

### Champions Circle

- REDC Consortium

### Executive Circle

- Clementine
- Eating Recovery Center
- The Emily Program
- Monte Nido
- Oliver-Pyatt Centers
- Veritas Collaborative
- WithAll
- SunCloud Health

### Policy Circle

- Academy for Eating Disorders
- Be Real USA
- National Eating Disorders Association (NEDA)
- The Renfrew Center

### Leadership Circle

- Alliance for Eating Disorders Awareness
- Bannister Consultancy
- The Donahue Foundation
- Gail R. Schoenbach FREED Foundation
- International Association of Eating Disorders Professionals Foundation (iaedp)
- Montecatini

### Advocacy Circle

- Center for Change
- Laureate Eating Disorders Program
- Walden Behavioral Care

### Support Circle

- Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics (AND)
- Alsana: Eating Disorders Treatment and Recovery Centers
- Cambridge Eating Disorder Center
- Center for Discovery
- Eating Disorders Hope
- Farrington Specialty Counseling
- Multi-Service Eating Disorders Association
- Park Nicollet Melrose Center
- Rosewood Centers for Eating Disorders
- Strategic Training Initiative for the Prevention of Eating Disorders (STRIPED)
- Stay Strong Virginia

### Hope Circle

- Eating Disorder Coalition of Iowa (EDCI)
- International Federation of Eating Disorders Dietitians (IFEDD)
- Moonshadow's Spirit
- Project HEAL
- The National Association of Anorexia Nervosa and Associated Disorders (ANAD)
- Rogers Behavioral Health
- Wrobel & Smith, PLLP

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