



December 2, 2016

The Honorable Mitch McConnell  
Senate Majority Leader  
U.S. Senate  
S-230, The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Chuck Schumer  
Minority Leader  
U.S. Senate  
S-318, The Capitol  
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The Honorable John Cornyn  
Senate Majority Whip  
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The Honorable Dick Durbin  
Senate Minority Whip  
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Dear Majority Leader McConnell, Minority Leader Schumer, Majority Whip Cornyn, and Minority Whip Durbin,

On behalf of the Eating Disorders Coalition and the undersigned organizations from the eating disorders community, we write today in strong support of mental health reform provisions contained in the bicameral and bipartisan end-of-year healthcare package currently being advanced, and we urge the Senate to pass the package as soon as possible.

Over 30 million Americans experience an eating disorder during their lifetime with women being affected at a higher rate than men. Eating disorders have the highest mortality rate out of any mental illness, however historically have received the least attention from our federal government. Through your leadership, you are about to make history through the passage of this mental health legislation that specifically includes early identification and increased access to treatment for people with eating disorders. Particularly Sections 13005: Information and Awareness on Eating Disorders, Sections 13006: Education and Training on Eating Disorders, and Section 13007: Clarification of Existing Parity Rules will be the first-ever legislation passed in Congress specifically designed to help people with eating disorders.

Thanks in large part to the tireless efforts of Senator Lamar Alexander (R-TN), Patty Murray (D-WA), Bill Cassidy (R-LA), Chris Murphy (D-CT) and specifically for the eating disorders provisions from the Anna Westin Act of 2015 (S. 1865), Senators Amy Klobuchar (D-MN), Kelly Ayotte (R-NH), Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV), and Tammy Baldwin (D-WI), the Senate has prioritized mental health reform efforts including eating disorders over the past years. We are pleased that the underlying healthcare package incorporates S. 2680, the Mental Health Reform Act, which passed the Senate HELP Committee unanimously in March. These important bipartisan provisions strengthen federal coordination of mental health resources, increase reporting on mental health parity, advance integrated service delivery, support the mental health workforce, increase early access to mental health services, promote suicide prevention, and enact meaningful reforms to criminal justice systems.

The need for reform is urgent, and you have the opportunity to act now to improve the lives of tens of millions of Americans, their families, and our communities.

We urge you to enact mental health reform legislation this year!



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