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The Honorable Paul Ryan  
Speaker  
U.S. House of Representatives  
H-232, The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy  
Majority Leader  
U.S. House of Representatives  
H-107, The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
Minority Leader  
U.S. House of Representatives  
H-204, The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Steny Hoyer  
Minority Whip  
U.S. House of Representatives  
1705 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Speaker Ryan, Minority Leader Pelosi, Majority Leader McCarthy, and Minority Whip Hoyer:

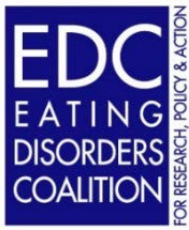
On behalf of the Eating Disorders Coalition and the undersigned organizations from the eating disorders community, we write today in strong support of mental health reform provisions contained in the bicameral and bipartisan end-of-year healthcare package currently being advanced, and we urge the House 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 Representative Tim Murphy (R-PA) and specifically for the eating disorders provisions from the Anna Westin Act of 2015 (H.R. 2515), Representatives Leonard Lance (R-NJ), Doris Matsui (D-CA), Ted Deutch (D-FL), and Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (R-FL), Congress has prioritized mental health reform efforts including eating disorders over the past years. We are pleased that the underlying healthcare package incorporates H.R. 2646, the Helping Families in Mental Health Crisis Act, which passed the House nearly unanimously in July. 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.

Please support passage of mental health reform this week!



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Sincerely,

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Center for Discovery	Beverly Hills,	CA
Montecatini Eating Disorders Treatment Center	Carlsbad,	CA
Center for Discovery	Danville,	CA
Casa Palmera	Del Mar,	CA
Center for Discovery	Del Mar,	CA
Center for Discovery	Downey,	CA
Center for Discovery	Fremont,	CA
Center for Discovery	La Habra,	CA
Center for Discovery	La Jolla,	CA
Center for Discovery	Lakewood,	CA
Center for Discovery	Los Alamitos,	CA
Eating Disorder Therapy LA	Los Angeles,	CA
Monte Nido	Los Angeles,	CA
The Renfrew Center	Los Angeles,	CA
Monte Nido	Malibu,	CA
Center for Discovery	Menlo Park,	CA
Center for Discovery	Newport Beach,	CA
Monte Nido	Newport Beach,	CA
Castlewood at Monarch Cove	Pacific Grove,	CA
Center for Discovery	Ranchos Palos Verdes,	CA
Reasons Eating Disorder Center	Rosemead,	CA
Center for Discovery	Sacramento,	CA
Eating Recovery Center	Sacramento,	CA
Monte Nido	San Diego,	CA
The Renfrew Center	Baltimore,	MD
The Renfrew Center	Bethesda,	MD
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