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SERVE Act (H.R. 2767) New Cosponsors

The Eating Disorders Coalition would like to thank the two newest cosponsors that have signed onto another eating disorders-related legislation entitled, Supporting Eating Disorders Recovery Through Vital Expansion (SERVE) Act of 2019 ([H.R. 2767](#)) to improve access to mental health treatment, including eating disorders, for military members and their families. The SERVE Act welcomes Representative Mike Levin (D-CA) and Gus Bilirakis (R-FL) in support of the legislation. The bill is also cosponsored by Seth Moulton (D-MA), Brian Mast (R-FL), Veronica Escobar (D-TX), Ted Deutch (D-FL), Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA), Ted Lieu (D-CA), and Kathy Castor (D-FL).

Don't see your Representative listed above? We need you to contact them and encourage them to cosponsor the SERVE Act (H.R. 2767). Use this link to contact your Representative: <https://p2a.co/ZTWsV98>

Chase Bannister, EDC Board President Presents at the National Advisory Mental Health Council

On September 19, 2019, the National Advisory Mental Health Council (NAMHC) held their 257th meeting in Maryland. The NAMHC plays an integral role in advising the Secretary of the US Department of Health and Human Services; the Director of National Institutes of Health; and the Director of National Institute of Mental Health on policies and programs that support mental health research, research training, and other programs of NIH. Read the full statement and Chase's comments [here](#).

EDC Joins NEDA's Inaugural Weight Stigma Awareness Week as an Organizational Partner

The National Eating Disorders Association (NEDA) kicked off their first [Weight Stigma Awareness Week](#) September 23-27, 2019. The EDC was proud to join as an organizational partner to raise awareness of the harmful effects of weight stigma and discrimination.

Academy of Eating Disorders Releases Blog in Response to Weight Watchers Kurbo App

The Academy of Eating Disorders (AED) President, Bryn Austin, ScD, FAED wrote about the dangers of Weight Watchers Kurbo app as a weight management tool for children. Read the full blog post [here](#).

EDC Participates in the Eating Disorders Leadership Summit

The Eating Disorders Coalition joined eight other eating disorders organizations in August as part of the Eating Disorders Leadership Summit to promote open dialogue, collaboration, and unity across diverse US and international organizations committed to reducing the suffering of people with eating disorders and their families. The full statement summarizing the Summit can be read [here](#).

EDC Letters of Support

UNDERSTAND Act ([S. 1323](#))

The Eating Disorders Coalition joined fellow members of the Mental Health Liaison Group (MHLG) in sending a letter to Senator Rob Portman (R-OH) and Bob Casey (D-PA) in support of their

bipartisan bill, Utilizing National Data, Effectively Reforming Standards and Tools, to Address Negative Determinates of Health (UNDERSTAND) Act (S. 1323). The legislation would create a surveillance system to track how social determinants affect health care outcomes. Read the full letter [here](#).

Eating Disorders Personal Story Collection

The Eating Disorders Coalition is collecting 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 at this [link](#).

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

Champions Circle

- Residential Eating Disorders Consortium

Executive Circle

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

Policy Circle

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

Leadership Circle

- Alliance for Eating Disorders Awareness
- Bannister Consultancy
- The Donahue Foundation
- Focus Treatment Center
- Gail R. Schoenbach FREED Foundation
- International Association of Eating Disorders Professionals Foundation (iaedp)
- Reasons Eating Disorder Center

Advocacy Circle

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

Support Circle

- Alsana: Eating Disorders Treatment and Recovery Centers
- Cambridge Eating Disorder Center
- Center for Discovery
- The Center for Eating Disorders at Sheppard Pratt
- Eating Disorder Hope
- Mirasol Eating Disorder Recovery Centers
- Mothers Against Eating Disorders (MAED)
- Multi-Service Eating Disorders Association
- Park Nicollet Melrose Center
- Rosewood Centers for Eating Disorders
- Strategic Training Initiative for the Prevention of Eating Disorders (STRIPED)

Hope Circle

- Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics (AND)
- Eating Disorder Coalition of Iowa (EDCI)
- The Eating Disorders Center at Rogers Memorial Hospital
- Eating Disorder Therapy LA
- FEAST
- International Federation of Eating Disorders Dietitians (IFEDD)
- Moonshadow's Spirit
- The National Association of Anorexia Nervosa and Associated Eating Disorders
- Project Heal
- Stay Strong Virginia
- Wrobel & Smith, PLLP

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