



EDC Releases Interim Congressional Scorecard for the 118th Congress

WASHINGTON D.C. (October 7, 2024) – Today, the Eating Disorders Coalition for Research, Policy, & Action (EDC) released its [Interim Congressional Scorecard](#) for the 118th Congress (2023-2024). The scorecard is designed to recognize congressional leadership of EDC’s priorities, inform voters' opinions in advance of the November election, gain additional support before the end of the year, and serve as a historical record of member engagement on eating disorders policies. The Scorecard has been published by the EDC since the 115th Congress (2018-2019) and it has been a critical tool to motivate Members of Congress to support the organization’s policy priorities and educate advocates.

Members of Congress from the U.S. House of Representatives and U.S. Senate are assigned a letter grade based on fourteen initiatives, outlined on page three and four of the scorecard. Members who earned an A- or higher are recognized as EDC Congressional Champions. They demonstrated their commitment to the eating disorders community through consistent leadership and support at the federal level for research funding, healthcare professional training, treatment access, public health surveillance, online safety for children and youth, and school wellness. For the 118th Congress, 22 bipartisan Representatives and 53 bipartisan Senators received this recognition.

“The EDC views the Congressional Scorecard as a crucial piece of information that helps us recognize the champions supporting our work,” **said Christine Peat, Ph.D., Board President, EDC.** “We are grateful to the Congressional leaders who have supported our legislative and appropriations asks, and we are eager to work with all elected officials to help recognize eating disorders as a public health priority.”

Offices will have the opportunity to improve their scores by the end of the year. Updated scores will be reflected in the final publication of the Congressional Scorecard for the 118th Congress set to be released in January 2025.

The Eating Disorders Coalition for Research, Policy, & Action is a federal advocacy organization based in Washington, D.C. The EDC advances the recognition of eating disorders as a public health priority throughout the United States.

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