



EDC Celebrates Victories in House & Senate FY25 Appropriations Bills

WASHINGTON D.C. (August 14, 2024) – Earlier this month, the U.S. House of Representatives and U.S. Senate Appropriations Committee passed their Fiscal Year 2025 bills. Appropriations bills are instructions from Congress to federal agencies to tell them how money should be spent. Appropriations bills allow funding for one year and have significant power to influence discretionary programs. The bills are led by the U.S. House and U.S. Senate Appropriations Committees.

For Fiscal Year 2025, the Eating Disorders Coalition for Research, Policy, & Action, in strong partnership with our Congressional champions on the U.S. House and U.S. Senate Appropriations Committees, Representatives Robert Aderholt (R-AL-04), Stephanie Bice (R-OK-05), Sanford Bishop (D-GA-02) Juan Ciscomani (R-AZ-06), Rosa DeLauro (D-CT-03), Andy Harris (R-MD-01), Ashley Hinson (R-IA-02), Marcy Kaptur (D-OH-09), Jake LaTurner (R-KS-02), Chellie Pingree (D-ME-01), David Valadao (R-CA-22), Bonnie Watson Coleman (D-NJ-12), and Senators Tammy Baldwin (D-WI), John Boozman (R-AR), Katie Britt (R-AL), Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV), Deb Fischer (R-NE), Martin Heinrich (D-NM), John Hoeven (R-ND), Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH), and Kyrsten Sinema (I-AZ) secured strong funding and report language in the House and Senate FY25 Appropriations Committee bills. A brief summary of the victories for eating disorders include:

1. \$750,000 for the Office of Women’s Health to continue research on eating disorders amongst women and girls.
2. The inclusion of one eating disorder question in the 2025 Youth Risk Surveillance System (YRBSS) survey.
3. The inclusion of eating disorders education in Local School Wellness Policies.
4. Funding for the National Center of Excellence in Eating Disorders to increase engagement with primary care providers, including pediatricians, for screening, brief intervention, and referral to treatment (SBIRT) for eating disorders.
5. The continuation of eating disorders as an eligible research topic in the Peer Reviewed Medical Research Program within the U.S. Department of Defense.

“The EDC is appreciative to both chambers for continuing to support the needs of those struggling with eating disorders,” **said Christine Peat, Ph.D., Board President, EDC.** “For far too long, eating disorders have been overlooked. Through our efforts, Congress is understanding the severity of eating disorders and providing the resources to save lives. Now that the committees have passed the bills in each of their respective chambers, we urge Congress to

advance the appropriations bills to a final vote when they return from August recess. The EDC will continue to work with both chambers to ensure our requests are funded and the language is directed to the highest level.”

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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