



## **U.S. House Committee on Energy & Commerce Advances the Kids Online Safety Act**

**WASHINGTON D.C. (September 19, 2024)** – Yesterday, the U.S House of Representatives’ Committee on Energy and Commerce advanced the Kids Online Safety Act (KOSA) (H.R. 7891) out of full committee. The Eating Disorders Coalition for Research, Policy, & Action (EDC) expresses gratitude to bill leads Representatives Gus Bilirakis (R-FL-12) and Kathy Castor (D-FL-14) and Chairwoman Cathy McMorris Rodgers (R-WA-05) for championing this critical legislation to protect children and teens online.

Yesterday’s vote was an important and necessary step in the Congressional process, allowing us to move forward in developing the final version of KOSA in collaboration with both House and Senate leadership. The EDC remains steadfast in its commitment to ensuring that the final version of KOSA is as robust as possible, providing all young people with the online protections they need and deserve. The EDC will continue to work in close partnership with House and Senate leaders, our organizational partners, and all invested stakeholders to address outstanding concerns related to the bill. EDC is committed to ensuring the best, most inclusive bill is advanced to the President’s desk.

“The EDC thanks committee leadership for their hard work in passing KOSA through the House Energy and Commerce Committee,” **said Christine Peat, Ph.D., Board President, EDC.** “We know that the work of federal policy on an issue this important is not easy and takes patience. The EDC is committed to seeing KOSA passed into law, and this marks an incredibly significant next step.”

KOSA passed out of the Senate in late July by an overwhelming bipartisan 91-3 margin.

*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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