

COSPONSOR H.R. 2527 - The Early Detection of Vision Impairments (EDVI) Act

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Dear Colleague,

Please join us in cosponsoring [H.R. 2527, the Early Detection of Vision Impairments for Children Act of 2025 \(EDVI Act\)](#). Vision impairments in children are common, affecting about 1 in every 17 preschool-age children (ages 3-5) and 1 in every 4 school-age children (ages 6-17). These vision problems can impact a child’s early development, relationships, and ability to learn. Currently, there are no federally funded programs in the United States that specifically address children’s vision or foster a cohesive and equitable system of eye health for children. This important legislation will support states and communities in the improvement of systems of care that will ensure that every child in the United States has the chance for early identification and vision care coordination of potential vision problems.

Vision disorders in childhood, such as amblyopia (lazy eye), strabismus (crossed eyes), myopia (nearsightedness), or hyperopia (farsightedness), can be successfully treated if detected early and children receive access to timely, quality eye care. Unfortunately, significant gaps exist in children’s vision care systems, eye health outcomes, and access to eye care in communities across the United States. State-level approaches to address children’s vision vary widely in methods and often lack protocols for referrals to eye care providers or follow-up to ensure eye care was received. States may also lack the necessary resources to adequately capture data on rates of received eye care, leading to challenges in addressing existing gaps in children’s vision and eye care in rural or under-resourced communities.

**The EDVI Act brings us closer to a future where every child has access to the vision screenings, eye exams, treatment, and resources they need to see clearly and thrive. This bill would establish grants and technical assistance resources to support states and communities in the development of systems of care to improve children’s vision and eye health outcomes.**

**Please join us in investing in our nation’s children through early detection and intervention of vision problems.**

Sincerely,

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