



Diverse National Organizations Convene at the U.S. Capitol to Call for Bipartisan Federal Policy Action to Combat Social Isolation and Loneliness in America

Part of Global Loneliness Awareness Week, the event included leading voices raising awareness for the issue and calling for action to address it.

Washington, D.C. – June 16, 2022 – In recognition of Global Loneliness Awareness Week, on Wednesday evening, the Coalition to End Social Isolation & Loneliness and its partners the Foundation for Social Connection and “Far From Alone,” led by Humana, Inc., convened over 700 individuals in the U.S. Capitol and across the country to raise awareness for the growing crisis of social isolation and loneliness in the United States and globally. The event, titled, “*Conversations on Belonging, Connection, & Wellbeing*,” included national leaders and diverse organizations calling for action to address the growing crisis.

“The issue of social isolation and loneliness is finally getting the national and global attention it deserves. Now is the time to advocate for federal legislative and regulatory policy interventions that ensure all Americans have the opportunity to be socially connected and live well,” said Andrew MacPherson, Coalition Founder and Board Chairman. “On behalf of the Coalition to End Social Isolation & Loneliness, we are thrilled to be taking action alongside such influential leaders and organizations.”

“*Conversations on Belonging, Connection, & Wellbeing*” featured two segments where attendees heard from national leaders, including:

- U.S. Senator Tina Smith (D-MN)
- Dr. Vivek Murthy, U.S. Surgeon General
- Jenna Bush Hager, Co-host, NBC's *TODAY with Hoda & Jenna*
- Julia Hartz, CEO & Co-Founder, Eventbrite
- Emily Allen, Interim President, AARP Foundation
- Dr. Carla Perissinotto, Associate Chief for Geriatrics Clinical Programs, University of California San Francisco
- Dr. Mona Siddiqui, Senior Vice President for Strategy and Quality, Enterprise Clinical Management, Humana

“We are proud Steering Committee members of the Coalition to End Social Isolation & Loneliness; together we are taking action to drive issue awareness and promote policy change,” said Andrew Renda, M.D., MPH, Vice President, Bold Goal and Population Health Strategy for Humana.

“I applaud members of Congress from both parties who have been working to promote social isolation and loneliness as a priority,” said Julia Hartz, Eventbrite CEO and Co-Founder. “Eventbrite is pleased to work with the Coalition to End Social Isolation and Loneliness to achieve meaningful progress.”

The Coalition’s 2022 Hill Day Policy Priorities can be found [here](#).

The Coalition to End Social Isolation & Loneliness (CESIL) brings together a diverse set of national organizations including consumer groups, health plans, health care providers, technology innovators, patient advocates and more to develop and advocate for federal policy solutions to address the crisis of social isolation and loneliness. For more information, please visit: www.endsocialisolation.org.

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