If you are a healthcare professional and/or work for a healthcare organization and would like to show your support for <u>H.R. 3690: Improving Adoption Outcomes and Affordability Act</u>, please feel free to use the templates below to draft letters to your elected representatives.

## FROM INDIVIDUAL HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS

Dear [REP NAME],

My name is [NAME] and I am a constituent from [CITY], as well as a [PROFESSION].

I am writing to urge you to co-sponsor H.R. 3690: Improving Adoption Outcomes and Affordability Act. This bill would authorize the Department of Health and Human Services to award grants in support of services or assistance activities for mothers who are considering placing a child for adoption and those that have placed a child; provide grant funding for education and training to healthcare professionals that interact with families considering or pursuing adoption; and expand mental health and substance use disorder services to mothers in need while providing funding transparency.

As a healthcare professional, I have seen firsthand how ill prepared our healthcare workforce is to provide the necessary support services and neutral, compassionate care that these expectant mothers need and the devastating financial, emotional, and physical effects this has had for birth mothers, the children they placed, and the adoptive families. Supporting this bill as a healthcare initiative and a compassionate standard of care for expectant mothers would be a huge step forward for our healthcare system and the families it supports.

Thank you for your time,

[FULL NAME] [STREET ADDRESS]

## FROM HEALTHCARE ORGANIZATIONS

Dear [REP NAME],

My name is [NAME] and I represent [ORGANIZATION] in [CITY].

On behalf of our organization, I urge you to co-sponsor H.R. 3690: Improving Adoption Outcomes and Affordability Act. This bill would authorize the Department of Health and Human Services to award grants in support of services or assistance activities for mothers who are considering placing a child for adoption and those that have placed a child; provide grant funding for education and training to healthcare professionals that interact with families considering or pursuing adoption; and expand mental health and substance use disorder services to mothers in need while providing funding transparency.

As a healthcare organization serving **[CLIENT POPULATION]**, we have seen firsthand how ill prepared our healthcare workforce is to provide the necessary support services and neutral, compassionate care that these expectant mothers need and the devastating financial, emotional, and physical effects this has had for birth mothers, the children they placed, and the adoptive families. Supporting this bill as a healthcare initiative and a compassionate standard of care for expectant mothers would be a huge step forward for our healthcare system and the families it supports.

If you have any questions about how our organization and similar healthcare organizations would benefit from this initiative, please reach out to **[CONTACT INFORMATION]**.

Thank you for your time,

[FULL NAME] [TITLE [ORGANIZATION] [STREET ADDRESS]