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

## TO REPRESENTATIVES

## Dear [REP NAME],

My name is [NAME] and I am a constituent from [CITY].

I am writing to urge you to co-sponsor H.R. 3690: Improving Adoption Outcomes and Affordability Act. This important 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 **[CONNECTION TO ADOPTION]**, I know how early access to support services plays a vital role in ensuring mothers considering placing their children for adoption have the medical and emotional support they need during their decision-making process. Research has shown that without compassionate support, decisions regarding unplanned pregnancies are made in a state of crisis, causing further trauma that trickles down to the child and the adoptive family. I urge you to co-sponsor this bill as a healthcare initiative to ensure that these women can be provided the neutral, compassionate care they deserve.

Thank you for your time,

## [FULL NAME] [STREET ADDRESS]

## TO SENATORS

Dear [SEN NAME],

My name is **[NAME]** and I am a constituent from **[CITY]**.

I am writing to urge you to support a companion bill to H.R. 3690: Improving Adoption Outcomes and Affordability Act in the Senate. H.R. 3690 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.

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