

CALL CONGRESS: ASK FOR SUPPORT OF #IVF4Vets AND SAVE THE ADOPTION TAX CREDIT (ATC) Easy-to-Follow Steps for Calling Congress

1. **Understand the issues:** There are two bills in Congress that will help Veterans. And this year Congress is committed to tax reform, therefore the ATC is in jeopardy of going away.

The Women Veterans and Families Health Services Act, S 700 (this is the Senate bill – mention this one while talking to your Senators) and H. R. 1681 (this is the House bill – mention this one while talking to your Representative): This bill will require the Veterans Administration to provide family building options such as IVF and adoption assistance to veterans who are now infertile as a result of being wounded while in service to our country. The Veterans Administration is banned from offering IVF, so this bill overturns that ban and expands family building options to wounded Veterans.

The Adoption Tax Credit Refundability Act of 2017, S. 937: The ATC is a permanent part of the tax code, but this year Congress is committed to debating tax reform and the ATC is in jeopardy of going away. We need to do everything we can to preserve this pro-family tax credit.

2. **Find your Members of Congress:** www.whoismyrepresentative.com

3. **Make the call:** Call the office number for your Representative and two Senators, and introduce yourself as a constituent – you will want to provide your city and state so they know where you live. Some offices may ask you for your full home address. Here is a sample script for you to use:

“Good morning/afternoon. I live in <insert city and state name> and I’m calling to express my support for issues that I care about that will help people build their families. May I speak with the person in your office that handles Veterans issues or Tax issues?” Once you are connected:

<If connected to Veterans staffer, lead with IVF4Vets; if connected with the Tax staffer, lead with the ATC, but tell whomever you speak to about both issues.>

“<Reintroduce yourself.> I’m calling to ask for your support of issues that I care about that will help people in our district/state build their families.

I have heard that Congress is committed to reforming the tax code this year. I want to be sure that the Adoption Tax Credit remains in place, as it helps thousands of children each year find forever families. Please know that I care about this pro-family tax credit and urge my Senator/Representative to stand up for families and support the Adoption Tax Credit. <For Senator only: Tax Credit Refundability Act of 2017, S. 937>

I’d like my Senator/Representative to co-sponsor S 700/HR1681 which allows the Veterans Administration to offer infertility medical treatments, such as IVF, to Veterans with a service connected injury that makes them infertile. Right now the VA is banned from even offering IVF. Can I count on <INSERT NAME OF MEMBER> to support these issues?

Do you have any questions? Thank you for taking my call and passing on my message to Senator <NAME> or Representative <NAME>...”

4. Visit www.resolve.org/callcongress and tell us that you made the call!