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Improving Lives Inc. Introduces the *Paternity and Child Support Amendment Act* to Strengthen Family Fairness in Pennsylvania

Harrisburg, PA – October 23, 2025 — Improving Lives Inc., led by CEO Barbara Redmond, has announced the introduction of the *Paternity and Child Support Amendment Act*, a forward-looking proposal designed to bring fairness, accuracy, and accountability to Pennsylvania's family court system.

The legislation establishes a clear process for men who are separated or divorced to seek legal determination of paternity through court-ordered genetic testing when paternity is in dispute. Under the proposed act, confirmed paternity would trigger reassessment of child support obligations, while disproven paternity would result in the termination of those obligations and correction of official records.

"This act is about truth, justice, and fairness," said **Barbara Redmond**, CEO of Improving Lives Inc. "Too often, outdated procedures leave families navigating uncertainty and hardship. By modernizing Pennsylvania's paternity laws, we ensure that child support obligations reflect biological reality and that every child's rights are fully protected."

The proposed legislation includes judicial procedures for filing paternity petitions, requires courts to order genetic testing, and ensures test results are admissible as evidence. It also mandates fair support reassessment based on verified parentage.

Early fiscal analysis projects **minimal implementation cost**—between \$180,000 and \$250,000 statewide in the first year—with long-term savings expected through fewer contested support cases and improved enforcement efficiency.

"Family law is about both responsibility and compassion," Redmond added. "This bill protects children while ensuring that parents are treated equitably under the law."

Improving Lives Inc. encourages policymakers, advocates, and community organizations to support this important step toward a more just and transparent family court system across the Commonwealth.

About Improving Lives Inc.

Improving Lives Inc. is a Pennsylvania-based nonprofit organization committed to advancing legislative and social initiatives that strengthen families, promote justice, and improve the lives of children and parents across the state.