



## **Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency for the District of Columbia**

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**CSOSA DIRECTOR PAUL A. QUANDER, JR. TO TESTIFY BEFORE**  
**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REFORM**  
**ABOUT THE SOCIAL, ECONOMIC, AND HEALTH PROBLEMS**  
**OF BLACK MEN AND BOYS**

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** – Paul A. Quander, Jr., Director of the Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency (CSOSA), will testify before the House Committee on Government Reform on Friday, September 12, 2003, at 10:00 a.m. in Room 2154 of the Rayburn House Office Building. The Committee will conduct an oversight hearing on the Commission on Black Men and Boys, with particular focus on government’s response to the social, economic, and health problems of that population. Director Quander’s testimony will focus on the problems facing black men under community-based criminal justice supervision.

Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton established the Commission in consultation with the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies, with initial funding from the U.S. Department of Labor. The Commission draws upon community experience and expert testimony to understand the impediments to success that African American young men and boys face, identify opportunities to improve services from the government and private sector, and propose a concrete plan of action to help overcome these obstacles.

CSOSA provides community supervision to over 20,000 District of Columbia residents on pretrial release, probation, parole, and supervised release. The offenders under CSOSA supervision are over 94 percent African American. Mr. Quander stated, “We as a community must take action to lower the high numbers of incarcerated black men. We must reach them while they are young and ensure they receive the community’s careful nurturing and a lasting connection to positive social institutions.”