



Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency for the District of Columbia

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CSOSA Trustee Testifies Before Congress - 2001 Budget Request

John A. Carver, Trustee, for the Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency (CSOSA) testified today before the U.S. House of Representatives, Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on the District of Columbia. CSOSA was created by the National Capital Revitalization and Self-Government Improvement Act of 1997. CSOSA is scheduled to assume full Federal agency status upon certification by the Attorney General by August 5, 2000.

Mr. Carver, who is in charge of the transition of CSOSA to Federal agency status, appeared before the Committee to support CSOSA's Budget Request for Fiscal Year 2001. In his testimony to Congress, Mr. Carver noted that with less than five months left until certification, CSOSA was well on its way to achieving that goal. CSOSA is responsible for the former District agencies charged with Probation and Parole and houses the Pretrial Services Agency within its legislative mission. The District of Columbia Public Defender Service also submits its Budget Request through the Trustee of CSOSA.

Seeking a budget request of \$103,527,000, Mr. Carver said today, "The support we have received from Congress as well as the District leadership has been very gratifying. We have a very important job to do here in Washington, nothing less than reducing crime and making our streets safer for all our citizens."

Mr. Carver noted in his testimony some of the major accomplishments that CSOSA has already achieved in its first two years. The entire structure of Probation and Parole has been changed; putting newly hired and trained Community Supervision Officers into the communities where the offender population resides. Additionally, new facilities to monitor substance abuse and provide treatment and sanctions among this population have been instituted. "We have made tremendous gains in a little over 24 months and hope to become a model of offender supervision," Carver said.