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CSOSA Recognizes National Crime Victims' Rights Week

Washington, D.C. – The Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency (CSOSA) joins the nation in recognizing National Crime Victims' Rights Week (NCVRW) from April 23-29. NCVRW raises awareness of victims' rights and challenges law enforcement agencies across the country to confront and remove barriers to achieving justice for all victims of crime.

This year's theme, "Survivor Voices: Elevate. Engage. Effect Change." calls upon communities to amplify the voices of survivors and create environments where survivors have the confidence that they will be heard, believed, and supported. CSOSA's Victim Services Program (VSP) serves the residents of the District of Columbia who have been victims of domestic violence, sexual offenses, traffic or alcohol-related crimes, or property crimes.

CSOSA's VSP works closely with our Community Supervision Officers regarding the inclusion of court-ordered restitution payments in supervision plans and to ensure that crime victims are aware of the case changes and court proceedings of their perpetrators.

Launched in 2001, VSP is committed to decreasing the incidence of recidivism and re-victimization by working with community partners to identify crime victims, provide education on victims' rights, and deliver orientation and technical assistance to victims and the community.

CSOSA is a federal agency supervising adults on probation, parole, and supervised release in the District of Columbia. Over the course of fiscal year 2022, CSOSA supervised nearly 10,000 unique individuals with an average daily population approaching 7,000 supervisees.

More information about the Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency can be found at <u>CSOSA</u>.

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