

STATEMENT
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Chairman Davis and Members of the Subcommittee:

HR 5600, the proposed “District of Columbia Court, Offender Supervision, Parole, and Public Defender Employees Equity Act of 2008,” would impact 106 employees of the Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency.

In both the Community Supervision Program, which provides probation and post-release supervision, and the Pretrial Services Agency, which provides pretrial supervision, a substantial number of employees remained with the agency and converted to federal status following passage of the D.C. Revitalization Act in 1997. These employees would be affected by the proposed legislation.

In the Community Supervision Program (CSP), a total of 52 employees, or 5.6 percent of the CSP’s total workforce, would be affected. The majority of these staff are directly involved with offender supervision and are classified as law enforcement employees. Twenty-three of them, or 44 percent, are Community Supervision Officers; an additional 12, or 28 percent, are supervisors, with one occupying a Branch Chief position; five, or 10 percent, work in our Offender Processing Unit. The remaining 12 employees (28 percent) hold a variety of support positions.

In the Pretrial Services Agency (PSA), a total of 54 employees, or 15 percent of PSA's total workforce, would be affected. As with CSP, the majority of these employees are directly involved with supervision: 29, or 54 percent, are Pretrial Services Officers; an additional eleven, or 20 percent, are supervisors. Four employees, or 7 percent, work in the Forensic Toxicology Laboratory. The remaining ten employees, or 19 percent, hold various program management or support positions.

Thank you for the opportunity to appear before the subcommittee. I will be happy to answer any additional questions you may have.