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Chabot Subcommittee Holds Oversight Hearing Wednesday on the Rights of Crime Victims

What: Oversight Hearing on the Implementation of the Crime Victims Rights Provisions of the Justice For All Act
Who: Constitution Subcommittee – Rep. Steve Chabot (R-OH), Chairman
When: 1:00 p.m., Wednesday, June 21, 2006 – contingent upon completion of the Full Committee markup
Where: 2141 Rayburn Building

In October 2004, President Bush signed into law “The Justice for All Act of 2004,” which included the Crime Victims Rights Act (CVRA). The CVRA for the first time provides enforceable procedural rights for crime victims in federal court. The Justice For All Act also authorizes grants for a variety of victims assistance programs including \$11 million for organizations that provide legal counsel and support services for victims in Federal, state and tribal governments, and a provision that would help to identify victims of crime by authorizing grants to States for the DNA testing of all unidentified human remains.

THE CRIME VICTIMS RIGHTS ACT...

- ✓ Provides enforceable procedural rights for crime victims in federal court. Those rights include the right to be reasonably protected from the accused; the right to be notified of and not excluded from, public proceedings involving their case; the right to be heard at release, plea or sentencing; the right to confer with the government attorney; the right to full and timely restitution; the right to be free of unreasonable delays in proceedings; and the right to respect.

THIS HEARING WILL...

- ➡ Explore how the crime victims’ rights provisions of the Justice for All Act are being implemented by Department of Justice and the courts, and how effective the enforcement provisions have been in guaranteeing crime victims’ rights.

WITNESSES: Mrs. Debra Culberson, victim; Ms. Mary Lou Leary, Exec. Director of the National Center for Victims of Crime; Professor Julie Goldscheid, City University of New York Law School; and Ms. Margaret Garvin, Director of Programs for the National Crime Law Institute.

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