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We are pleased to share with you the FY 2008 Annual Report for the D.C. Pretrial Services Agency (PSA). While PSA is required to report its expenditures and accomplishments annually to Congress, this is the first annual report we have published for distribution to our stakeholders, criminal justice partners, and the public at large, so we have endeavored to make it most comprehensive. Our theme for this report is *Leading in the Field*. It not only focuses on the accomplishments of the Agency for the 2008 fiscal year, but also highlights the many ways in which PSA has demonstrated its leadership in the pretrial justice arena.

As I look back at Pretrial's history, I am extremely proud of what our Agency has accomplished. Not only have we been a leader in the pretrial justice field for 40 years, we also have grown enormously as an Agency; and, we have been able to do so without sacrificing the founding principles upon which we were established. Of course, all of this is possible only because PSA is fortunate to have an incredibly strong and talented group of men and women who are dedicated to accomplishing our mission.

Notwithstanding all this history and despite the critical role we play in the justice system, the breadth of PSA's work is not fully known outside the courtroom. In conducting interviews during the course of our regular revision of PSA's strategic plan, a prevalent focus of comments and questions raised by our stakeholders was how PSA could find more ways to better educate the public about all that we do to enhance the fair administration of criminal justice.

PSA is committed to carrying out its mission and serving our stakeholders and the community. Our intention in producing this report is to share with our stakeholders and the public in general the full range of PSA's work and contributions. We hope you find this to be a worthwhile resource to read and share.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Susan Shaffer".

Susan W. Shaffer  
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