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Cortney Fisher Appointed Director of Criminal Injuries Compensation Board

Towson, MD (March 29, 2010)---The Maryland Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services (DPSCS) has appointed Cortney Fisher Director of the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board (CICB), the State agency that annually disburses millions of dollars to help victims of crime pay some of their expenses.

Ms. Fisher is a veteran of victims' services agencies who has most recently managed the Office of Victim Services for the Division of Parole and Probation (another DPSCS agency). Ms. Fisher, an attorney, holds degrees from Penn State and the New England School of Law, and is a Ph.D. candidate at the University of Maryland. She is past President of the Md. Coalition Against Sexual Assault and a current adjunct faculty member at the University of Maryland College Park. She is also a consultant with the federal Office for Victims of Crime Training and Technical Assistance Center.

Ms. Fisher replaces Robin Woolford, who served CICB with distinction for many years. Mr. Woolford has been appointed to a position with the Inmate Grievance Office (also a DPSCS agency). "I wish to thank Robin Woolford for his dedication and leadership with CICB, and for his hard work on behalf of Maryland crime victims," said DPSCS Secretary Gary Maynard.

Mr. Maynard also recognized the strong victim services background of Ms. Fisher: "Cortney Fisher is a true victim advocate who has assisted many community and criminal justice-based victim services organizations, and helped to establish many victim assistance programs in Maryland."

The Criminal Injuries Compensation Board uses court-sanctioned offender fees to reimburse victims of violent crime, annually awarding millions to people in all corners of Maryland. Compensation of up to \$45,000 per victim is available to help victims pay for everything from funeral arrangements to lost wages to medical bills and eyeglasses broken during an assault.

The Maryland Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services protects the public, its employees
and the detainees and offenders under its supervision.

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