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**Steven D. Canterbury Appointed to Serve on Council of State Governments  
Justice Center Board of Directors**

*New York*—The president of the Council of State Governments (CSG), Governor Brad Henry of Oklahoma, and the chairperson of CSG, State Representative Deborah Hudson, have announced the appointment of Steven D. Canterbury, Administrative Director of the West Virginia Administrative Office of the Courts, to the Board of Directors for CSG's Justice Center.

Canterbury joins a bipartisan group of key legislators, leading court and law enforcement officials, and members of several governors' cabinets from corrections and health and human services agencies to serve on the board. Together they guide projects the Justice Center administers, including the Criminal Justice/Mental Health Consensus Project and the Re-Entry Policy Council. Additional issue areas that the Justice Center is exploring are youth violence and the frequent use of emergency services by people with acute substance abuse disorders.

State officials across the country have used the findings and technical assistance provided through Justice Center projects to develop legislative initiatives. Congress has also worked closely with leaders of the board, drawing on recommendations provided by the Justice Center to shape national policy.

"We are delighted that Canterbury has been appointed to our board," said Rep. Mike Festa, Chairman of the Justice Center Board. "As a key voice on criminal justice policy in his state, Canterbury will make a great contribution to our work."

Mr. Canterbury was selected to serve on the 25-person board for a period of two years.

"I am looking forward to using our experiences in New York to inform the board's efforts," Canterbury said. "I know that working with such a diverse group of national experts will benefit my state and others by advancing the best thinking on complex criminal justice issues."

*The Council of State Governments Justice Center is a national nonprofit organization that serves policymakers at the local, state, and federal levels from all branches of government. It provides practical, nonpartisan advice and consensus-driven strategies—informed by available evidence—to increase public safety and strengthen communities. The Justice Center has offices in New York City and Bethesda, Maryland, and is funded through contracts with and grants from federal agencies, state and local governments, and private foundations*

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