



NATIONAL
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ASSOCIATION

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The National Correctional Industries Association (NCIA) urges legislative bodies at the federal, state, and local levels to support legislation that promotes and expands Correctional Industries' work and training opportunities for incarcerated individuals for the following reasons:

1. Correctional Industries reduces recidivism and enhances public safety through:
 - Reducing idleness with pro-social activities, thereby enhancing prison security
 - Providing incarcerated individuals with real-world work experience
 - Preparing incarcerated individuals to be work-ready and employable upon release
2. Correctional Industries strengthens communities by empowering incarcerated individuals for successful reentry through:
 - Voluntary job training and career development
 - Industry-recognized certifications
 - Life skills education
 - Financial literacy
 - Transitional services
 - Post-release job placement
3. Correctional Industries supports local economies and private sector business through:
 - Purchasing of raw materials, supplies and services
 - Sourcing products and jobs in the US
 - Partnering with private sector businesses
 - Payment of wages to civilian employees
 - Providing the means for incarcerated individuals to pay crime victims' restitution and other court-ordered fines and fees
4. Correctional Industries lowers prison operating costs by:
 - Operating as self-supporting job training programs at little or no cost to the taxpayer
 - Supplying quality goods and services at competitive pricing
 - Providing supervision for incarcerated individuals, increasing facility safety and security
5. Correctional Industries adheres to commercial industry standards, safety guidelines and environmental regulations.