



NATIONAL
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Legislative Position Statement
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The National Correctional Industries Association (NCIA) encourages legislative bodies at the federal, state, and local levels to consider the following:

- 1) Correctional Industries is an effective form of offender skills training and development which results in increased successful offender reentry. NCIA supports successful reentry initiatives by promoting correctional industries and collaborating with other stakeholders and interested parties.
- 2) Correctional Industry programs promote public safety and reduce security problems associated with offender idleness.
- 3) Taxpayer burden can be reduced through offender job creation. Offender labor is an economic asset.
- 4) Correctional Industries programs are an effective method for reducing future victimization.
- 5) Correctional industry programs do not unfairly compete with private sector business. Partnerships with private companies are mutually beneficial and create private sector employment.
- 6) NCIA supports the role that correctional industries plays in providing training and work experience for offenders.
- 7) The Prison Industry Enhancement Certification Program (PIE) promotes successful reentry and provides benefits to taxpayers, victims, correctional agencies, customers, businesses, offenders and their families.
- 8) NCIA endorses and supports continued funding for the expansion and effective administration of the PIE program and opposes legislation that would adversely impact correctional industries programs.