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Legislative Position Statement
(Approved by the NCIA Board of Directors on March 24, 2013)

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' offender work and training opportunities for the following reasons:

1. Correctional Industries provide offenders with real-world work experience that:
 - Teaches transferable job skills and work ethic
 - Reduces offender idleness, thereby enhancing prison security
 - Lowers prison operating costs
 - Reduces recidivism
 - Enhances public safety
2. Correctional Industries supports private sector businesses and local communities through:
 - Purchase of raw materials and goods
 - Civilian employee payroll
 - Victim restitution
3. Correctional Industries prepares offenders for successful reentry at no or minimal cost to the taxpayer through:
 - Job training and career development
 - Life skills education
 - Job placement opportunities
 - Transitional services

NCIA opposes legislation that adversely impacts the growth and development of Correctional Industries' opportunities for offenders.