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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' offender work and training opportunities for the following reasons:

1. Correctional Industries reduces recidivism and enhances public safety through:
 - Providing offenders with real-world work experience
 - Teaching transferable job skills and work ethic
 - Reducing offender idleness, thereby enhancing prison security
2. Correctional Industries supports private sector businesses and local communities through:
 - Purchase of raw materials, goods and services
 - Civilian employee payroll
 - Victim restitution payments
3. 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 reduced cost
 - Providing offender supervision
4. Correctional Industries prepares offenders for successful reentry through:
 - Job training and career development
 - Life skills education
 - Post-release job placement and retention
 - Transitional services to support reintegration back to the community