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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:
 - Reducing offender idleness, thereby enhancing prison security
 - Providing offenders with real-world work experience
 - Preparing offenders to be work-ready and employable upon release
2. Correctional Industries supports local economies and private sector business through:
 - Purchasing of raw materials, supplies and services
 - Providing an alternative to sourcing products and jobs outside of the US
 - Partnering with private sector business
 - Payment of wages to civilian employees
 - Providing an avenue for offenders to pay crime victims' restitution and other court-ordered fines and fees
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
 - Opportunities for offender savings accounts
 - Transitional services to support reintegration back to the community
5. Correctional Industries adheres to commercial industry standards, safety and environmental regulations.
6. Correctional Industries is a job training program and does not condone slavery or involuntary servitude.