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ASSOCIATION

**2019-2020 Legislative Position Statement**  
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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, 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 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 the means for incarcerated individuals 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
  - Providing supervision for incarcerated individuals, increasing facility safety and security
4. Correctional Industries prepares incarcerated individuals for successful reentry through:
  - Job training and career development
  - Life skills education
  - Opportunities for savings accounts
  - Transitional services to support reentry back to the community
  - Post-release job placement and retention
5. Correctional Industries adheres to commercial industry standards, safety guidelines and environmental regulations.
6. Correctional Industries is a job training program and does not condone slavery or involuntary servitude.