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2019-2020 Public Policy on Correctional Industries ***Approved by the Board of Directors, May 30, 2019***

The National Correctional Industries Association (NCIA) promotes the use of best and promising practices to support successful reentry, reduce recidivism and enhance public safety. Correctional Industries prepares and equips incarcerated individuals to enter the workforce upon release and become productive employees and tax-paying citizens.

Supporting Information:

- **Public Safety** – Correctional Industries programs reduce idleness by providing incarcerated individuals with supervision and meaningful training and work experience, thereby enhancing public safety and reducing prison operating costs.
- **Reentry** – Correctional Industries enhance the success of reentry. Studies validate that formerly incarcerated individuals having Correctional Industries experience secure better paying jobs, obtain work more quickly, and retain jobs longer than formerly incarcerated individuals without this experience, thereby reducing recidivism.
- **Recidivism** – Formerly incarcerated individuals with Correctional Industries experience have low rates of recidivism. Their ability to find and retain meaningful jobs, along with the values developed working in Correctional Industries, helps them become productive, law-abiding citizens.
- **Victim Restitution** – Many incarcerated individuals working in Correctional Industries pay victim restitution, court fees and fines, as well as other costs associated with incarceration.
- **Taxpayers** – Reduced recidivism saves taxpayers the burden of paying the cost of re-incarcerating individuals along with the additional costs associated with re-arrest, such as courts, family services, and victim impact.
- **Economic Support** – In 2018, Correctional Industries' sales funded the salaries and benefits for over 6800 civilian staff and purchased raw materials, supplies, and services from local businesses in the amount of \$1.2 billion.
- **Job Skills Training** – Through on-the-job training, incarcerated individuals learn vocational, technical, and life skills, instilling a positive work ethic and a gainful attachment to the workforce. As such, NCIA supports the American Correctional Association's resolution to repeal the Exclusion Clause in Section 1 of the Thirteenth Amendment of the US Constitution. In 2018, more than 61,000 incarcerated individuals received job training in Correctional Industries.

Correctional Industries Preparing Inmates for Re-entry: Recidivism & Post-release Employment, June 2006, Doc. 214608, Cindy J. Smith; Jennifer Bechtel; Angie Patrick; Richard R. Smith; Laura Wilson-Gentry

National Correctional Industries Association (NCIA) 2019 Directory, January 2019, Statistics Reported by State and Federal Correctional Industries Agencies

American Correctional Association (ACA) www.aca.org, Resolution Supporting Repeal of the 'Exclusion Clause' in Section 1 of the 13th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution