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2017-2018 Public Policy on Correctional Industries ***Approved by the NCIA Board of Directors, April 21, 2017***

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

Supporting Information:

- Public Safety – Correctional Industries programs reduce offender idleness by providing offenders with meaningful training and work experience, thereby enhancing public safety.
- Reentry – Correctional Industries enhance the success of offender reentry. Studies validate that released offenders having Correctional Industries experience secure better paying jobs, obtain work more quickly, and retain jobs longer than offenders without this experience, thereby reducing recidivism.
- Recidivism – Released offenders 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 offenders 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 incarcerating repeat offenders along with the additional costs associated with re-arrest, such as courts, family services, and victim impact.
- Economic Support – In 2016, Correctional Industries' sales funded the salaries and benefits for over 6,600 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, offenders 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 2016, more than 60,000 offenders 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) 2017 Directory, January 2017, 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