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### **ACO On the Attack**

ACO's efforts and those of several other leading corrections unions and associations across the nation have spurred the private prison industry into action. The article below shows how much of an impact the legislation we are supporting is having. One piece of legislation, the Private Prison Information Act, was originally drafted by ACO/ACOIN Executive Director Brian Dawe and former ACO President Richard Loud.

When you support ACO/ACOIN you are supporting your profession from coast to coast. How do you fight an organization that has so much money to spend? We fight it with the truth. But in order to combat them we need your support now more than ever. It costs a lot of money to run ads, do the research and travel across the nation to confront these corporations. We have recently been involved in defeating private prison initiatives in Doan Springs, Arizona and in Savinaw, Oklahoma. We can't do it without your support, join us today!

### **Corrections Corp. Spends \$2.5M to Lobby**

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WASHINGTON (AP) - Corrections Corp. of America spent almost \$2.5 million in 2007 to lobby on legislation and regulations related to the private prison industry.

The prison management company spent more than \$1.1 million in the second half of 2007 to lobby the federal government, according to a disclosure form posted online Thursday by the Senate's public records office.

The company lobbied on the privatization of Bureau of Indian Affairs prisons and on the Public Safety Act, which would outlaw private prisons, as well as the Private Prison

Information Act, which would force private prisons to make public the same information government jails must provide.

Corrections Corp. spent more than \$1.3 million in the first six months of 2007 to lobby on similar issues.

In addition to lobbying Congress, the company also lobbied the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of Homeland Security, Department of Justice, Department of Labor and Office of Management and Budget.

Corrections Corp. lobbyists included Bart VerHulst, previously chief of staff for former Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn.; Mike Quinlan, former director of the Federal Bureau of Prisons; and Gus Puryear, previously counsel to Frist and an adviser to Vice President Dick Cheney.

Lobbyists are required to disclose activities that could influence members of the executive and legislative branches, under a federal law enacted in 1995.