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New Members of Congress Call for U.S. Sugar Program Reform in the 2012 Farm Bill

It's Time to Prevent 'Excessively Tight Sugar Supplies, Excessively High Prices, Job Losses'

Freshmen and sophomore Members of Congress sent a [letter](#) to House leaders on May 17, urging them to afford all Members an opportunity to consider the 2012 Farm Bill in an 'open and deliberative' process, including a close examination of the 'antiquated' U.S. sugar program. To follow is an excerpt:

- "The 2012 Farm Bill marks the first time any of us will have the chance to take a hard look at existing agriculture commodity programs, including **the antiquated U.S. sugar program, which currently operates at the expense of U.S. consumers, U.S. jobs, and the global competitiveness of U.S. food manufacturers.**"
- "With the price of refined U.S. sugar at an all-time high and nearly twice the price on the world market it is time to examine the components of the U.S. sugar program and consider market-oriented reforms that will **put an end to excessively tight sugar supplies, excessively high prices, job losses, and unnecessary and wasteful government intrusion on domestic sugar production.**"

Read the full letter [here](#).

Congress – The 2012 Farm Bill is Moving with NO Debate on the Costs of the Sugar Program and the Merits of Reform. With Thousands of U.S. Jobs in the Balance, Reform of the Sugar Program Deserves a Debate in Both Houses of Congress.

Reform Outdated Sugar Policies in the 2012 Farm Bill!

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The Coalition for Sugar Reform is an alliance of consumers, food and beverage manufacturers, trade advocates, environmental groups, taxpayer watchdog organizations, responsible government advocates, think tanks and other interests. Our objective is to reform the federal government's intrusive, inefficient, restrictive and outdated sugar program – a decades-old subsidy that has repeatedly failed to provide adequate supplies of sugar to the U.S. market.