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## Congressman Urges Bipartisan Reform of U.S. Sugar Program in 2012 Farm Bill

During a House floor [speech](#) on April 26, Rep. Joe Pitts (R-PA) underscored the need to reform the U.S. Sugar Program in the 2012 Farm Bill:

- “The federal program **inflates the price of sugar** in the U.S., placing American **sugar users at a severe disadvantage** to their foreign competition.
- “In the last 15 years, **more than 100,000 workers** in sugar-using industries have lost their jobs. ...
- “... **Democrats and Republicans, liberals and conservatives agree** that the government shouldn’t be guaranteeing corporate profits at the expense of workers and consumers.
- “I hope the Ag Committee will **reform the sugar program** as we deal with the Farm Bill.”



Read Rep. Pitts’ remarks [here](#).

## Congress – Reform the Outdated Sugar Program in the 2012 Farm Bill!

Learn more about the need to reform U.S. sugar policy in the 2012 Farm Bill at [www.sugarreform.org](http://www.sugarreform.org).

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