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It's Time to Reform U.S. Sugar Policy

Chicago Tribune

Editorial: No Sugarcoating This Giveaway

April 14, 2012

Excerpt: " ... Everyone in effect pays a [sugar] tax on foodstuffs from one end of the grocery store to the other. ... [The sugar program] imposes an estimated \$3.5 billion a year in costs on shoppers and industry. Congress needs to stop this wasteful, unfair program. ... The last time Congress revisited sugar, in the 2008 farm bill, it made the program even less responsive to the marketplace. As a result, U.S. food-makers not only pay an inflated price for sugar, they can't always get enough of it to keep their factories reliably supplied. No wonder Canada, for one, has experienced a boon as bakery, candy, frozen-food, breakfast-cereal and other food companies search outside the U.S. for this basic ingredient." http://trib.in/lwROQu

PITTSBURGH TRIBUNE-REVIEW

Editorial: Sugar, Sugar: Not So Sweet

April 17, 2012

Excerpt: "The end of government's sugar-market interventions – sweet for fewer than 5,000 domestic producers, sour for consumers, food makers and their more than 600,000 workers, including nearly 42,000 in Pennsylvania – is long overdue. ... The [Coalition for Sugar Reform] sees this year's farm bill as a chance to stop this economic madness. Congress should do what's best for the overall economy and heed that call." http://bit.ly/JgCSos

Congress – Reform Outdated Sugar Policies in the 2012 Farm Bill!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 Our objective is to reform the federal government's intrusive, inefficient, restrictive and outdated sugar program – a decades-old subsidy that has repeatedly failed to provide adequate supplies of sugar to the U.S. market.