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## Teamsters Join Call for Reform of U.S. Sugar Program

### *Ohio Teamsters Join Spangler Candy Company in Urging Reforms to Spur Job Creation, Increase Competitiveness*

In a joint letter to Senator Sherrod Brown (D-OH), Ohio-based Spangler Candy Company and the Ohio Conference of Teamsters advocate immediate reform of the costly U.S. sugar program in order to help bring hundreds of desperately needed jobs to Northwest Ohio.



- "... Spangler cannot buy sugar on the free market because of the U.S. Sugar Policy ...
- "Over **120,000 jobs have been lost** because of this policy, it **harms GDP by \$514 million per year**, and it **costs American consumers over \$50 per year** for a family of four ...
- "... A start (toward gradual reform) could be as simple as **repealing the new restrictions on sugar imports** that were imposed in 2008 which have widened the gap between U.S. and world prices even more than before."

## Congress – Reform the Outdated Sugar Program in the 2012 Farm Bill!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 Our objective is to reform the federal government's intrusive, inefficient, restrictive and outdated sugar program – a decades-old subsidy that has repeatedly failed to provide adequate supplies of sugar to the U.S. market.*