

## **Policymakers Agree: Reform U.S. Sugar Policy**

“Taxpayers shouldn’t be footing the bill for a sweet deal for a small group of sugar producers and processors. This is a perfect example of an outdated government program that’s hurting consumers, putting taxpayer dollars at risk and costing jobs. It’s time we acted on this bipartisan reform effort and put money back in the wallets of American families and businesses.”

—**U.S. Senator Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH),  
February 12, 2015**

“It’s time to end the government’s wasteful sugar program. This flawed policy is corporate welfare at its worst and hurts not only candy companies and food manufacturers, but also the families who end up paying higher costs for food made with sugar. This bipartisan reform would stop the federal government from paying wealthy sugar processors from the pockets of American taxpayers. I believe that this Congress can and will eventually rein in our flawed sugar policies.”

—**U.S. Senator Pat Toomey (R-PA),  
February 12, 2015**

“7,000 Illinois jobs depend on the sugar industry, but thanks to sugar’s high prices, more than 130,000 American jobs have been lost to countries overseas. We need to end Depression-era subsidy programs that cost American consumers more than \$14 billion, and work to keep good jobs here in Illinois.”

—**U.S. Senator Mark Kirk (R-IL),  
February 12, 2015**

“Over the past year, sugar subsidies and forfeitures have cost taxpayers \$258 million while over 640,000 tons of sugar was handed over to USDA. Combined with import tariffs and marketing controls, the USDA sugar program cost consumers over \$3 billion each year. It is one of the most obscene federal farm subsidies ever conceived and this Farm Bill does nothing to reform it.”

—**U.S. Senator John McCain (R-AZ),  
February 3, 2014**

“It’s time for the government to reform the protectionist policies that are hurting American workers and consumers. At its heart, our bipartisan bill is about protecting American jobs.”

—**U.S. Representative Joe Pitts (R-PA),  
February 14, 2013**

“Artificially inflated sugar prices created by the government’s failed sugar program result in increased operating costs for businesses and higher grocery bills for families. The American sugar program constitutes an almost unbelievable government intrusion into private business decisions and demands real reform. This command and control government mandate threatens the competitiveness of American food manufacturers, like McKee Foods in Stuarts Draft or Flowers Bakery in Lynchburg, and costs consumers and businesses an estimated \$3.5 billion and 20,000 jobs each year.”

—**U.S. Representative Bob Goodlatte (R-VA),  
February 14, 2013**

“Left unchanged, the current sugar program will continue to hurt American workers by driving good American manufacturing jobs to Canada, Mexico, and other foreign countries. Left unchanged, the current sugar program will continue to hurt American consumers by unnecessarily inflating the price of every product made with sugar. It is time to change this anachronistic program.”

—**U.S. Representative Danny Davis (D-IL),  
February 14, 2013**

“We need more commonsense solutions that make government smarter, more efficient, and simpler. The wasteful and inefficient sugar program is something that many of us have been fighting for decades, and it’s finally getting the attention that it deserves.”

—**U.S. Representative Earl Blumenauer (D-OR),  
February 14, 2013**

“I am proud to be a cosponsor of the newly reintroduced Sugar Reform Act that would repeal subsidies for the sugar industry that keep prices artificially high, stifle small businesses, and hurt consumers. A number of companies in my district who employ hundreds of people are negatively impacted by the artificially high prices which benefit the sugar growers at the expense of manufactures. We need to end this unfair advantage for growers.”

—**U.S. Representative Jackie Speier (D-CA),  
February 14, 2013**