



# Congressional Sugar Reform Caucus



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## Cosponsor bipartisan Sugar Reform: **H.R. 1385, The Free Market Sugar Act**

Dear Colleague:

For too long American sugar policy has favored a few corporate sugar processors at the expense of thousands of American jobs and billions of dollars in higher costs to consumers.

One of the big problems with the current Sugar Program is that there is almost no competition in the domestic sugar processing industry. You have to get permission from the USDA to produce sugar. The USDA will then tell you exactly how much sugar you're allowed to produce by way of a marketing allotment. Produce too much and you'll get a hefty fine from the government. Most likely, though, you won't even get permission because there aren't enough allotments to go around.

The USDA won't hand out more allotments because they're obligated by law to protect the profitability of a handful of existing mega-sugar processors.

This big-brother government program is driving up the cost of sugar, forcing jobs over seas and increasing the cost of food. American sugar is almost twice as expensive as it is anywhere else in the world.

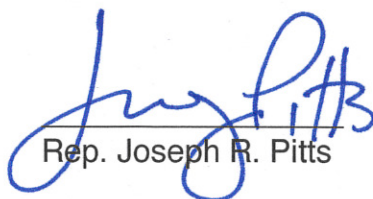
In order to create jobs and save the taxpayer and the consumer money, we've introduced the Free Market Sugar Act (H.R. 1385).

This bipartisan bill reforms the sugar program by:

- Repealing the price supports and marketing allotments;
- Repealing the sugar-based ethanol program; and
- Reforming our controls on imports.

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