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## ICYMI: Sugar-Using Industry Welcomes National Discussion on Sugar Reform

With the 2016 presidential campaign in full swing, the Coalition for Sugar Reform [welcomes](#) recent comments made by candidates regarding the U.S. sugar program and the need for reform.

*“A relic of the Great Depression, the U.S. sugar program negatively impacts American consumers, taxpayers and businesses, and we applaud those candidates who have acknowledged the program’s flaws and the need for reform. We call on others to recognize the importance of reforming the U.S. sugar program and encourage Congress to act on this issue as soon as possible.”*

- JOHN DOWNS, JR., CHAIRMAN OF THE COALITION FOR SUGAR REFORM  
PRESIDENT AND CEO OF THE NATIONAL CONFECTIONERS ASSOCIATION

Recently, former Florida Governor Jeb Bush [announced](#) his support for a ‘phaseout’ of the sugar program. In addition, in late June, Texas Senator Ted Cruz delivered a [speech](#) citing the sugar program’s costs to American business, families and workers. Also, in case you missed it, [The Wall Street Journal editorialized](#) on this topic, writing:

- *“There is no economic defense of the sugar program ... The Coalition for Sugar Reform, which includes businesses that use sugar, says that for every U.S. sugar-growing job saved from high U.S. sugar prices, about three American manufacturing jobs are lost.”*

### Only Congress can fix the U.S. sugar program.

Learn more about the need to reform U.S. sugar policy 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 Our objective is to reform the federal government’s intrusive, inefficient, restrictive and outdated sugar program - a decades-old subsidy that has repeatedly failed to provide adequate supplies of sugar to the U.S. market.*