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Advocates to Policymakers: America's Sugar Policy Is Broken

This week, sugar reform advocates and experts delivered a clear message to Washington -- America's costly sugar program needs to be fixed. On Tuesday, Coalition for Sugar Reform (CSR) leaders participated in a Capitol Hill briefing hosted by [Rep. Bill Shuster](#) on the need for sugar reform to reduce costs to consumers, taxpayers, businesses and American workers. **Rep. Mike Kelly** stopped by to deliver remarks as well, and CSR member speakers included:

- **Grover Norquist**, President, Americans for Tax Reform;
- **Anna Wildeman**, Policy Counsel and Committee Executive on Environment & Agriculture, U.S. Chamber of Commerce;
- **Bill O'Conner**, Agriculture Policy Expert, Sweetener Users Association (SUA); and
- **Liz Clark**, Vice President of Government Affairs, National Confectioners Association.

For the *Daily Caller's* take on the briefing, click [here](#).

Also on Tuesday, in [testimony](#) before the International Trade Commission, Tom Earley, Vice President of Agralytica and economist for SUA, detailed how the protectionist program has reduced potential positive economic impacts of trade agreements over the past 25 years:

"The sugar industry has consistently urged the administration and U.S. trade negotiators to hold fast against any significant concessions on foreign access to the domestic sugar market. ... The result is that the other 98 percent of U.S. agriculture gets less access to foreign markets than it otherwise might have gained. The effect also spills over into the services and manufacturing sectors."

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

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 Our objective is to reform the federal government's intrusive, inefficient, restrictive and outdated sugar program - a decades-old subsidy that has repeatedly failed to provide adequate supplies of sugar to the U.S. market.