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Missouri Small Business Owner: “End Federal Subsidies to Big Sugar Companies”

[Letter to the Editor in the St. Louis Post-Dispatch — July 15, 2013](#)

By Randall J. McArthur, President, McArthur’s Party Cake Bakery Inc.

- *“As the owner of McArthur’s Bakery, I wanted to thank Reps. Billy Long, Ann Wagner, William Lacy Clay and Jason T. Smith for supporting an amendment to reform the U.S. sugar program, which forces businesses like mine and every American consumer and taxpayer to pay an up to \$3.5 billion hidden tax annually — all to provide a special interest subsidy to profitable sugar producers.*
- *“While business owners like me are working hard to stay afloat without special subsidies, three big sugar companies are receiving the majority of \$1.1 billion in federal sugar loans, and that’s just this year.*
- *“This is more than unfair. It is outrageous. ... I know I can count on the members of our delegation who voted for reform to do so again, and I urge our other elected officials to have the courage to change course and support efforts to reform a program that only benefits a few, while taking from all of us.”*

Read the full letter [here](#).

Only Congress can fix a program that hurts U.S. consumers, taxpayers, food manufacturers and their workers with simple reforms to U.S. sugar policy.

The Time for Sugar Program Reform is Now!

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 Our objective is to reform the federal government’s intrusive, inefficient, restrictive and outdated sugar program – a decades-old subsidy that has repeatedly failed to provide adequate supplies of sugar to the U.S. market.