COALITION FOR SUGAR REFORM

Sweet Facts

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U.S. Sugar Program Puts Thousands of Louisiana Jobs At Risk

While the U.S. sugar program benefits one, small, special interest group – U.S. sugar producers – **it puts at unnecessary risk more than 600,000 American jobs, including up to approximately 4,600 in Louisiana.**

According to 2012 Census data, the top three sectors for sugar-using industry employment in Louisiana are:

- Bread and bakery product manufacturing;
- Soft drink manufacturing; and
- Fruit and vegetable canning, pickling and drying.

The Department of Commerce has found that for every one sugar-growing job in the United States saved through high U.S. sugar prices, approximately three American manufacturing jobs are lost. Those are jobs Louisiana cannot afford to lose.

For more information on sugar-using industry employment in Louisiana, click here. For more information on the need for sugar program reform, visit sugarreform.org.

Learn more about nationwide sugar-using industry employment in new fact sheets found here.

We urge members of the Louisiana delegation to cosponsor the bipartisan *Sugar Reform Act of 2015* (S. 475 / H.R. 1714) today.

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

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 Our objective is to reform the federal government's intrusive, inefficient, restrictive and outdated sugar program – a decades-old subsidy that has repeatedly failed to provide adequate supplies of sugar to the U.S. market.