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U.S. Taxpayers Set to Pay Millions More Because of Outdated Sugar Program

The outdated U.S. sugar program is currently costing American taxpayers millions of dollars, with more costs coming down the pike.

In case you missed it ...

- Earlier this month, **USDA was forced to spend \$44 million in taxpayer dollars** to purchase excess domestic sugar because of the sugar program.
- Today, **USDA confirmed it will spend an additional \$6.9 million** to remove more raw cane sugar from the U.S. market.
- And just a couple of days ago, **the final rule for the Feedstock Flexibility Program – a convoluted \$239 million scheme that requires USDA to purchase surplus domestic sugar and re-sell it to ethanol plants at a loss to American taxpayers – was published.** Taxpayers may potentially have to shell out millions more if the program is implemented.

And the House voted to make this costly program permanent law. Enough is enough.

Make no mistake, this isn't USDA's fault. 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.

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 Our objective is to reform the federal government's intrusive, inefficient, restrictive and outdated sugar program – a decades-old subsidy that has repeatedly failed to provide adequate supplies of sugar to the U.S. market.