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Time to Reform Outdated Sugar Subsidies

VOTE 'YES' TODAY ON SUGAR REFORM AMENDMENT

In an [op-ed today in *The Hill*](#), Reps. Joseph R. Pitts (R-Pa.), Earl Blumenauer (D-Ore.), Charles W. Dent (R-Pa.) and James P. Moran (D-Va.) urge their House colleagues to **reform – not repeal – the costly and unnecessary U.S. sugar program**:

"We are urging our colleagues to support the bipartisan sugar reform amendment and help save hard-working families and businesses billions of dollars each year.

"The current U.S. sugar program is costing American consumers and businesses that use sugar in their products up to \$3.5 billion annually. Yes, that's billion with a 'b.' When you consider that sugar is in products ranging from staples like bread, peanut butter and spaghetti sauce to sweet treats like cookies, candy and cakes, you understand the magnitude of the problem: Basically, every American is paying more than they should for products on almost every aisle in the grocery store. ...

"... In no other federal program does the government take from so many to give to so few, and at a time when other commodity programs are being reformed, why does sugar receive special treatment? There is no logical answer to that question. That is why members of the House should take this opportunity to make commonsense reforms to the sugar program. It is past time to stop sacrificing jobs, stifling economic growth and raising consumer prices for all Americans."

Click [here](#) to read the full op-ed.

We Urge Members of Congress to Stand Up for U.S. Consumers and U.S. Manufacturing Jobs and VOTE 'YES' TODAY on the SUGAR REFORM AMENDMENT

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 Our objective is to reform the federal government's intrusive, inefficient, restrictive and outdated sugar program – a decades-old subsidy that has repeatedly failed to provide adequate supplies of sugar to the U.S. market.