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Leading Groups Key Vote Sugar Reform Amendment

*Taxpayer, Consumer and Business Advocates Urge
Senators to Reform Costly Sugar Program in 2013 Farm Bill*

- **U.S. Chamber of Commerce:** *“This amendment would not end the sugar program, but would provide far-reaching and pragmatic reforms. In the 2008 Farm Bill, Congress exacerbated an already invasive program by, among other things, increasing price supports, imposing new restrictions on imports, and introducing the Feedstock Flexibility Program This amendment would remove those damaging add-ons.” Read the full letter [here](#).*
- **National Association of Manufacturers:** *“Through price supports and trade restrictions to reduce supply, the U.S. sugar program creates an artificially high domestic price for sugar and harms U.S. food manufacturers’ global competitiveness. ... Sensible reforms in SA 925 would preserve high-paying manufacturing jobs and reduce government-imposed costs on manufacturers.” Read the full letter [here](#).*
- **Council for Citizens Against Government Waste:** *“As the nation’s debt has ballooned to more than \$16.8 trillion, members of Congress should be looking for every viable way to cut wasteful spending. There is no better place to start than with the U.S. sugar program.” Read the full letter [here](#).*
- **Club for Growth:** *“The federal sugar program is a prime example of the federal government wrongly picking winners and losers in the private sector. It dislocates jobs, increases prices for consumers and businesses, and includes a protectionist quota that stifles freer trade.” Read the full letter [here](#).*
- **American Bakers Association:** *“The current sugar program costs consumers as much as \$3.5 billion a year and sacrifices 20,000 domestic manufacturing jobs annually. ... To help restart the economy and gain these jobs back, ABA strongly urges members of the Senate to support Senators Shaheen and Toomey’s sugar reform amendment.” Read the full letter [here](#).*

**Vote “YES” for the Shaheen-Toomey-Kirk Amendment (SA 925) and Vote
for U.S. Consumers, Taxpayers, Small Business, Jobs and Growth!**

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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.