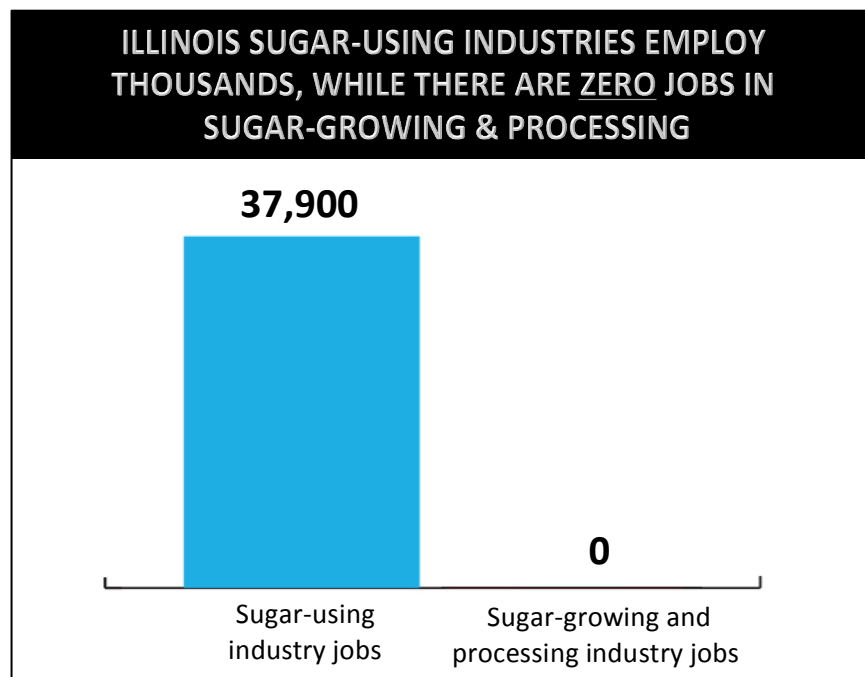




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## Sugar-Using Industries Employ Thousands of Illinoisans, Whose Jobs Are at Risk Because of Current Sugar Program

The current federal sugar program only benefits one small segment of the U.S. economy – sugar growers and processors, of which there are **zero in Illinois**. Meanwhile, the program costs consumers an average of \$3 billion annually and puts at risk approximately 600,000 American jobs in sugar-using industries, including **up to approximately 37,900 in Illinois**.



**Congress can fix a program that hurts Illinois consumers, taxpayers, food manufacturers and their workers.**

**We Urge Members of the Illinois Delegation to Cosponsor the Bipartisan *Sugar Reform Act* ([H.R. 1714](#) / [S. 475](#))**

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