



Make the Sugar Program Work for America

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Big Sugar Keeps Fooling With the Facts

This April Fools' Day, don't fall for Big Sugar's fiction on the U.S. sugar program. *Let's unwrap the actual facts.*



Big Sugar says the program costs taxpayers \$0. **FALSE.** Fact is, American taxpayers were left on the hook for more than \$250 million between 2013 and 2014. In addition, the sugar program costs American consumers \$3 billion per year, and higher U.S. sugar prices have contributed to the loss of 123,000 U.S. manufacturing jobs over the last 18 years.



Big Sugar says there are 142,000 jobs in U.S. sugar production. **FALSE.** Fact is, there are only about 18,000 jobs in sugar production, the U.S. International Trade Commission estimates. Big difference. In contrast, Census data show approximately 600,000 jobs in the sugar-using industry.



Big Sugar says foreign subsidies are the problem. **FALSE.** Fact is, the unfair subsidies Big Sugar gets from Uncle Sam are the problem. Foreign subsidies actually have no impact on the U.S. sugar market because the federal government sets per-country quotas for imports. Big Sugar just wants to continue operating in a no-risk environment, while hardworking Americans pay the price.

Congress, Make the Sugar Program Work for America.

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 Our objective is to reform the federal government's intrusive, inefficient, restrictive and outdated sugar program - a decades-old subsidy that has repeatedly failed to provide adequate supplies of sugar to the U.S. market.