



## Policymakers and Business Leaders Agree: Support the *Sugar Policy Modernization Act*

“Our nation’s antiquated sugar program seeks to prop up prices for the sugar industry at every turn, sticking consumers with the bill. The way our current system is set up, taxpayers and manufacturers bear all of the risks in the form of bailouts, uncertainty and shortages, while the sugar industry reaps guaranteed rewards. That’s why we’ve introduced the *Sugar Policy Modernization Act* which finally gets the sugar program to a zero-cost program by ending special-interest bailouts.”

—Rep. Virginia Foxx (R-NC)

“This job killing subsidy program is like a vampire, refusing to die while continuing to enrich a handful of well-connected plantation owners at the expense of hundreds of thousands of confectionary jobs in the United States. ... The continuation of the sugar program today puts 7,000 Illinois manufacturing jobs at risk while the cost to taxpayers has skyrocketed and will continue to grow.”

—Rep. Danny Davis (D-IL)

“This bipartisan bill will help make reasonable, commonsense changes to the federal sugar support program to cut wasteful spending and help grow American businesses. It’s time for Congress to put special interests aside and work to reduce costs and protect American workers in New Hampshire and across the country.”

—Sen. Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH)

“The current sugar program is a bad deal for American consumers and federal taxpayers. It is time to reform this government corporate welfare program that hikes food costs for families and threatens thousands of well-paying jobs in Pennsylvania.”

—Sen. Pat Toomey (R-PA)

“The sugar program is an egregious federal subsidy that costs American consumers nearly \$3 billion each year. This legislation would bring down the minimum cost of sugar, encourage free market competition, and lower costs for American families. I commend my colleagues for their work on this legislation and will advocate for including similar language in the upcoming Farm Bill.”

—Sen. John McCain (R-AZ)

“We applaud the sponsors of this bicameral, bipartisan legislation for their efforts to level the playing field for consumers and businesses by reforming this Depression-era policy that hurts so many while benefitting just a few.”

—National Confectioners Association

“The *Sugar Policy Modernization Act* does it all. It will help American businesses of all sizes, consumers, workers and families – without costing taxpayers. It is very rare that Congress has the chance to consider legislation that will do so much for so many.”

—Rick Pasco, President of the Sweetener Users Association

“The federal sugar program, first introduced in the New Deal, is outdated, costly and in desperate need of reform. IBA looks forward to supporting Congress as it works to modernize the program and reduce its burdens on American taxpayers, consumers and manufacturers in the food industry.”

—Nick Pyle, President of the Independent Bakers Association (IBA)

“[The bill’s] introduction is the important first step towards reforming this depression-era U.S. commodity program, which has cost consumers more than \$15 billion since 2008, and is responsible for a loss of over 125,000 jobs in sugar-using industries.”

—Mike Goscinski, Director of Government Relations of the American Bakers Association