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Bipartisan Sugar Reform Amendment to 2012 Farm Bill Enjoys Broad-Based Support

From prominent business associations to leading consumer and tax reform groups, there is broad-based support for a [bipartisan sugar reform amendment](#) to the 2012 Farm Bill currently on the Senate floor, including:

- **U.S. Chamber of Commerce:** *“The Chamber strongly supports an amendment championed by Sens. Shaheen, Lugar, Kirk, Durbin, Toomey and others that would reform the sugar program. The existing domestic sugar program is a chronically flawed policy that creates and maintains an artificial gap between U.S. and world sugar prices. ... The sugar reform amendment would provide far-reaching and pragmatic reforms.”* [Read more](#)
- **National Foreign Trade Council:** *“As the United States moves forward in efforts to expand and penetrate in new markets it is vital that the U.S. re-examine its protectionist policies toward sugar. We urge you to support the amendment to the farm bill that would begin that process.”* [Read more](#)
- **American Bakers Association:** *“... [T]he American Bakers Association (ABA) strongly urged the U.S. Senate to vote in favor of an amendment to the ... Senate Farm Bill, reforming the current U.S. Sugar Program. ... ‘The current sugar program costs consumers as much as \$3.5 billion a year and sacrifices 20,000 domestic manufacturing jobs annually.’”* [Read more](#)
- **22 Leading Business, Consumer & Tax Reform Groups:** *“With the sugar reform amendment, Senators can vote to significantly reduce the harm imposed on our economy by the current sugar policy. ... It rolls back some of the most egregious aspects of current sugar subsidies, especially those added in the 2008 farm bill, which have caused shortages and economic dislocation since they were enacted.”* [Read more](#)

For more information about who else is speaking out in support of reform, click [here](#).

Congress – Reform the Outdated Sugar Policies in the 2012 Farm Bill!

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 Our objective is to reform the federal government's intrusive, inefficient, restrictive and outdated sugar program – a decades-old subsidy that has repeatedly failed to provide adequate supplies of sugar to the U.S. market.