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“America vs. the Sugar Lobby”

In a [RedState blog post](#) today, titled “America vs. the Sugar Lobby,” Sen. Pat Toomey (R-PA) highlights the costs of the U.S. sugar program to American consumers and businesses, and underscores the need for reform in the 2012 Farm Bill. Here’s an excerpt:

- ***“For years, the federal government has kept the price of sugar high by capping domestic production, imposing a de facto government price floor, and mandating that USDA buy excess sugar to sell to ethanol producers at a loss.*”**
- ***“... As a result, American consumers pay more for products containing sugar, and U.S. manufacturers of sugar consuming products are at a competitive disadvantage. Not surprisingly, many of these manufacturers have closed their doors or moved their factories to Canada and Mexico where sugar costs less than half the price.*”**
- ***“...[T]he Senate will vote on an ... amendment [today] that will reform the sugar program rather than eliminate it. While this measure does not go as far as I would like, it will still save taxpayers \$72 million, help bring down the price of sugar and save American jobs.*”**
- ***“Perhaps most importantly, it will finally begin to weaken the stranglehold the sugar lobby has on American consumers and our tax dollars.”*”**

To read the full text of the post, click [here](#).

Congress – Reform Outdated Sugar Policies in the 2012 Farm Bill!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 Our objective is to reform the federal government’s intrusive, inefficient, restrictive and outdated sugar program – a decades-old subsidy that has repeatedly failed to provide adequate supplies of sugar to the U.S. market.