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Business Leaders Agree: America Can't Afford the U.S. Sugar Program

Leading business groups are calling on Congress to reform the Depression-era U.S. sugar program and have endorsed the bipartisan *Sugar Reform Act* ([H.R. 693/S. 345](#)) introduced last week in the House and Senate.

- **American Bakers Association:** “The **current sugar program is a net job killer**. According to the U.S. Department of Commerce, the U.S. has lost nearly 127,000 jobs between 1997 and 2011 due to the impact of the sugar program. If job creation is a key Congressional concern, then reforming the current sugar program should be a priority as it would allow bakers to expand and improve our ailing economy.” [Learn more](#)
- **National Foreign Trade Council:** “Outdated sugar policy not only stifles U.S. economic growth and job creation, but is **one of the oldest and most protectionist programs mandated by Congress**.” [Learn more](#)
- **National Confectioners Association:** “The tight market generated by these policies threatens the overall supply, jeopardizing smaller U.S. companies and putting jobs at risk. **Over the last 10 years the program has eliminated more than 14,000 confectionery jobs and more than 75,000 food manufacturing jobs**.” [Learn more](#)
- **U.S. Chamber of Commerce:** “**It’s not just candymakers that are suffering – just ask the bakers that need sugar to make bread**. And there are plenty of familiar sugar-using staple foods that are affected, such as condiments, baked beans, barbeque sauce, granola bars, salad dressings and many others. Food isn’t a luxury item; it’s a necessity.” [Learn more](#)

Congress – Reform the Outdated Sugar Program As Soon as Possible This Year!

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 Our objective is to reform the federal government’s intrusive, inefficient, restrictive and outdated sugar program – a decades-old subsidy that has repeatedly failed to provide adequate supplies of sugar to the U.S. market.