COALITION FOR SUGAR REFORM

Sweet Facts

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Business Associations Across America Agree: U.S. Sugar Policy Stifles States' Economic Growth

Across America, state business associations agree that it is time to reform the U.S. sugar program, which threatens economic growth and job creation.

- *"… Sugar-using Virginia manufacturers employ over 8,000 individuals, paying more than $187 million in wages. In total, this manufacturing industry alone produces more than $440 million per year in economic output in the Commonwealth. However, the* ***sugar subsidy program inserted into the Farm Bill reauthorization is a costly burden to these manufacturers, both large and small, holding them back from hiring more workers or expanding product lines and facilities.****"*
  — Virginia Manufacturers Association

- *"…* ***American consumers, small businesses, and food manufacturers are left to bear the brunt of this failed policy*** *and forced to make difficult choices by moving plants and factories off shore and eliminating thousands of jobs. … Companies in this [sugar-using] industry employ over 14,000 Missouri residents and pay well over $150 million in wages."*
  — Missouri Chamber of Commerce and Industry

- *"In addition to employing more than 40,000 Pennsylvanians, the sugar-using industry in our state generates more than $1 billion in wages for its workforce….* ***[I]f liberated from the price-fixing scheme [of the U.S. sugar program] … these manufacturers could invest in new facilities, hire more workers*** *and be in a far better positions to compete globally and set themselves on paths to long-term growth."*
  — Pennsylvania Manufacturers' Association

Among the many other organizations that support sugar reform are the following:

- **Americans for Prosperity, Illinois Chapter**
- **Americans for Prosperity, Texas Chapter**
- **Cleveland / Bradley Chamber of Commerce, Cleveland, Tennessee**
- **Georgia Food Industry Association**
- **Greater Topeka Chamber of Commerce**
- **Illinois Chamber of Commerce**
- **Illinois Manufacturers' Association**
- **Kentucky Retail Bakers**
- **Knoxville Chamber**
- **Pennsylvania State Chamber of Commerce**
- **Tennessee State Chamber of Commerce & Industry**

Congress – Reform Outdated Sugar Policies in the 2012 Farm Bill!

Learn more about the need to reform U.S. sugar policy in the 2012 Farm Bill at www.sugarreform.org.

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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.