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Maintaining Status Quo on America's Sugar Policy Is Unsustainable and Unacceptable

Today, in a [op-ed](#) published by *The Hill*, John Downs, President of the National Confectioners Association and Chairman of the Coalition for Sugar Reform, called on Congress to act now on sugar reform rather than wait for another farm bill debate.

Excerpt:

- ***“There are many factors affecting domestic and global sugar prices, but one thing is for sure, if Congress continues to rubber-stamp the flawed sugar subsidy program in farm bill after farm bill, high sugar prices and taxpayer bailouts will continue to dog economic growth in the United States and threaten American jobs.*”**
- ***“With U.S. sugar prices now double the rest of the world, it is reasonable to wonder who actually benefits from these high domestic prices. It is sugar beet and sugar cane producers in a few states that recklessly wield their political influence to the detriment of the American taxpayers. ...*”**
- ***“The sugar producer lobby often says the program ‘operates at no cost,’ but nothing could be further from the truth. In fact, a March 2015 Congressional Budget Office estimate of farm program costs forecasts that the sugar program will cost taxpayers \$115 million over the next 10 years.”***

Read the full op-ed [here](#).

Only Congress can fix the U.S. sugar program.

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 Our objective is to reform the federal government's intrusive, inefficient, restrictive and outdated sugar program - a decades-old subsidy that has repeatedly failed to provide adequate supplies of sugar to the U.S. market.