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Wisconsin State Journal to Congress: Stand Up for American Taxpayers

Editorial: "Sugar Subsidy Yields Bitter Harvest"

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Excerpt:

- *"Let's count the winners and losers from the federal program that subsidizes sugar production. **Winners: The sugar industry. Losers: Consumers, the economy, the environment, taxpayers and Caribbean nations.** ..."*
- *"Congress should make reform of the sugar program a top priority in a new farm bill. ..."*
- *"A handful of sugar processors and about 5,000 sugar cane and beet growers benefit by receiving artificially high prices for their products. ..."*
- *"... [T]he program this year cost \$280 million. ... But taxpayers — not the sugar industry — took the loss. ..."*
- *"Efforts to pass a better sugar policy have repeatedly failed in the face of fierce lobbying by the sugar industry."*
- *"What's required is a Congress that will stand up for the nation's interests rather than the interests of a single concentrated industry. Americans should demand no less."*

Read the full editorial [here](#).

Only Congress can fix a program that hurts U.S. consumers, taxpayers, food manufacturers and their workers with simple reforms to U.S. sugar policy.

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 Our objective is to reform the federal government's intrusive, inefficient, restrictive and outdated sugar program — a decades-old subsidy that has repeatedly failed to provide adequate supplies of sugar to the U.S. market.