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Conservative Opinion Leaders: 'Corporate Welfare' Sugar Program Needs Reform in Farm Bill

Leading conservative opinion leaders are calling on Congress to recognize the opportunity at hand to reform the Depression-era U.S. sugar program in the farm bill.

Mike Collins, Former Spokesman, Republican National Committee:

"... The program is one of Washington's sweetest examples of corporate welfare. ... Sugar producers' profits are propped up to the tune of \$1.4 billion a year regardless of their global competitiveness, while American households pay \$2.4 billion more for nearly everything they eat and drink."

Council for Citizens Against Government Waste:

"... [Those] who voted against taxpayers, consumers, and free markets in favor of subsidies, set-asides and special interests when they voted against sugar reform ... proved themselves more loyal to sugar producers and corporate welfare than the welfare of ordinary citizens. ... Since the overall farm bill was defeated, there will be an opportunity ... to stand up for taxpayers ... [and] to reform one of the nation's most egregious examples of wasteful spending."

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

Sugar Program Reform Must Be a Part of Any New Farm Bill!

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 Our objective is to reform the federal government's intrusive, inefficient, restrictive and outdated sugar program – a decades-old subsidy that has repeatedly failed to provide adequate supplies of sugar to the U.S. market.