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In Case You Missed It: NPR Talks to OH Business Leader About Need for Sugar Reform



[“The Lollipop War”](#)

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Excerpt:

- *“I recently got a tour of the Spangler Candy Co., a family-owned firm in Bryan, Ohio. The company makes 10 million Dum Dums lollipops there every day, and it has a whole separate building where it stores the sugar — enough to fill eight Olympic-size swimming pools.*
- *“The CEO, Kirk Vashaw, says he wants to expand the factory and make even more candy there. There’s just one thing he needs. ‘Let us buy sugar on the free market,’ he says.*
- *“As it turns out, there are two prices for sugar: the price you pay in the U.S., and the price you pay almost everywhere else in the world. ...*
- *“The higher U.S. sugar price is spelled out in U.S. law. You can find it right here, in the latest version of the farm bill, which says the U.S. government shall guarantee a minimum price for sugar that is not to drop below 22.9 cents per pound.*
- *“Because of the higher price here, lots of candies that used to be made in the U.S. ... are now made overseas.”*

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

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 Our objective is to reform the federal government’s intrusive, inefficient, restrictive and outdated sugar program — a decades-old subsidy that has repeatedly failed to provide adequate supplies of sugar to the U.S. market.