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Lancaster Newspapers: Sugar Policy Hurts Consumers, Manufacturers

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Excerpt:

- “... Ongoing subsidies to sugar growers have propped up prices to food manufacturers — and, consequently, to consumers ...
- “... The reason Toomey and Pitts brought their *Sugar Reform Act* show to Lancaster County can be summed up in one word: Jobs. Pennsylvania employs more than 41,000 people in companies that use sugar from baking to cereal manufacturing to candies. ...
- “The existing sugar policy hurts consumers and manufacturers. It forces companies to outsource jobs and production.
- “The bills introduced by Pitts and Toomey would create a fairer, more market-driven policy. That would aid manufacturers and consumers, not just growers.”

During a tour this week of the Denver, PA, facility of Pepperidge Farm, Inc., Senator Pat Toomey and Congressman Joe Pitts, original cosponsors of the bipartisan *Sugar Reform Act* ([H.R. 693/S. 345](#)), heard from business leaders about the impact of the costly U.S. sugar program.

Read the full editorial [here](#) and coverage of the visit can be found [here](#).

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

**We Urge Members of Congress to Cosponsor the Bipartisan
Sugar Reform Act ([H.R. 693/S. 345](#)) Now!**

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 Our objective is to reform the federal government's intrusive, inefficient, restrictive and outdated sugar program — a decades-old subsidy that has repeatedly failed to provide adequate supplies of sugar to the U.S. market.