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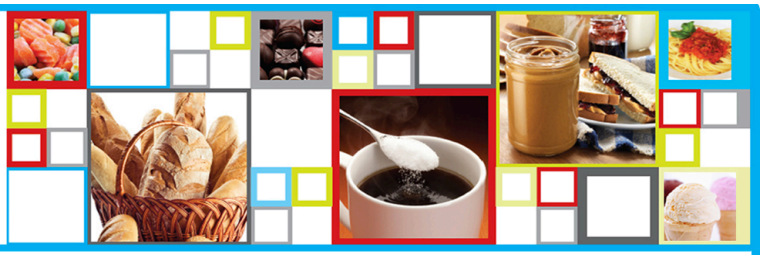

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Downs: "How U.S. Sugar Subsidies Are Destroying U.S. Manufacturing Jobs"

In an op-ed yesterday for *Real Clear Markets*, **John Downs, President and CEO of the National Confectioners Association and Chairman of the Coalition for Sugar Reform,** details the negative impact of U.S. sugar policy on American manufacturing jobs.

Here's an excerpt:

> ***"The current sugar subsidy program is a Depression-era regulation that has no place in today's global economy. Because of this program, candy companies in the United States pay about double the global average price for sugar. … This trend has a negative impact on candy makers, especially the small and mid-sized, family-owned companies that don't have flexibility in their supply chains. And it is doing irreparable damage to a storied industry consisting of multi-generational, innovative owners.***
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> ***"… Sugar subsidies have a real impact on candy jobs. … Candy companies have proven to be resilient, but it is time to take a stand on sugar subsidies that benefit so few and hurt so many American manufacturers."***

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 Our objective is to reform the federal government's intrusive, inefficient, restrictive and outdated sugar program - a decades-old subsidy that has repeatedly failed to provide adequate supplies of sugar to the U.S. market.