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Op-ed: “Taxpayers Should be Wary of False Sugar Reform Proposals”

In an [op-ed](#) today for *The Hill*, David Williams, President of the Taxpayers Protection Alliance, details why the U.S. sugar program is in need of *real* reform.

Here’s an excerpt:

“The U.S. sugar lobby constantly reminds people that crony capitalism is alive and well in Washington, D.C., as they continue to protect their sweet deal of federal subsidies that come at the expense of American consumers and taxpayers. To make matters worse, the sugar lobby is promoting a plan (called ‘zero-for-zero’) to push all other countries to get rid of their sugar subsidies before we do anything about our own. If it sounds unreasonable, that is because it is.”

“... Clearly, the only real purpose of ‘zero-for-zero’ is to give the U.S. sugar lobby an excuse for zero reform.”

“... The fact is, to reform sugar subsidies, Congress needs to begin with our own subsidies. America should lead by example.”

For the full text of the op-ed, click [here](#).

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 Our objective is to reform the federal government’s intrusive, inefficient, restrictive and outdated sugar program - a decades-old subsidy that has repeatedly failed to provide adequate supplies of sugar to the U.S. market.