



## Make the Sugar Program Work for America

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### The Hidden Tax We Pay for Federal Sugar Subsidies

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Today is the deadline for filing U.S. tax returns, but there's a hidden tax hardworking American consumers pay every day - **the hidden tax on sugar**.

- The federal sugar program **subsidizes a very profitable sector of the food industry - wealthy sugar processors** - while at the same time driving consumer prices up by restricting competitive imports.
- Unlike other farm programs, **U.S. sugar policy is designed to impose its costs on consumers**, making it a hidden regressive tax.
- These costs - **up to \$3 billion annually** - are paid by American families.
- Since the implementation of the 2008 farm bill, U.S. wholesale refined sugar prices have averaged **65 percent higher than world prices**.
- Higher U.S. sugar prices have contributed to the loss of **123,000 American manufacturing jobs** over the last 18 years.



The U.S. sugar program is a bad deal for hardworking American manufacturers, workers and families.

**Congress, Make the Sugar Program Work for America.**

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 Our objective is to reform the federal government's intrusive, inefficient, restrictive and outdated sugar program - a decades-old subsidy that has repeatedly failed to provide adequate supplies of sugar to the U.S. market.*