



Make the Sugar Program Work for America

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Senators Say Additional U.S.-Mexico Sugar Trade Restrictions Will Jeopardize American Jobs, Hit Consumers' Wallets

On May 26, 10 Senators sent a [letter](#) to U.S. Secretary of Commerce Wilbur Ross, urging him to take into account how the outcome of the ongoing U.S.-Mexico sugar negotiations will impact manufacturing jobs in America's food and beverage industry and prices for hardworking families.

Senators Pat Toomey (R-PA), Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH), John McCain (R-AZ), Bob Casey, Jr. (D-PA), Rob Portman (R-OH), Maggie Hassan (D-NH), Mike Lee (R-UT), Chris Coons (D-DE), Dick Durbin (D-IL) and Mark Warner (D-VA) wrote:

"It is essential that the U.S. and Mexican governments forego additional trade restrictions or price controls on sugar that would ultimately raise prices for American families and threaten U.S. jobs in the food manufacturing industry.

"... Until now, domestic sugar growers have exerted excessive influence on the trade negotiations at the expense of manufacturers who depend upon sugar for their products and all Americans who consume these products. Because domestic growers and refiners do not produce enough sugar to meet the demands of U.S. consumers, imports are necessary so that American-owned business can remain competitive in the global market.

"The sugar-using industry employs more than 600,000 workers across the United States. These well-paying American jobs would be jeopardized by any further restrictions on sugar imports, which only advance the narrow interests of domestic growers and large sugar companies."

It's Time for U.S. Sugar Policy to Work for America.

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