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Dear Republican U.S. Senators and Representatives:

You may have recently received information from opponents of farm policy, who are seeking legislative support to eliminate the U.S. sugar program, as well as the safety net of other crops. These critics are correct in their goal to remove the Federal government from America's farm commodity markets. However, their materials omit several data points that we, the undersigned conservative organizations, believe are important to your decision making.

U.S. sugar producers, like all farmers and most businesses today, are part of the global economy and are sensitive to the actions of governments around the world. Those governments are currently ratcheting up sugar subsidies to levels well above those seen in the United States, and the world sugar market is fluctuating wildly as a result.

Countries like Brazil, Thailand, India and Mexico are flouting global trade rules and distorting free-market prices with billions a year in handouts designed to keep inefficient producers afloat. The subsequent dumping of subsidized surpluses has made sugar the world's most volatile commodity market. Market-distorting policies abroad are the main reason that America has a sugar policy in the first place.

Unilaterally disarming U.S. policy without addressing the larger problem of rampant global subsidization will lead to the outsourcing of yet another efficient U.S. business and will leave American consumers dependent on unreliable foreign suppliers.

The true free-market solution to this problem is being championed by Congressman Ted Yoho (R-Fla.). His zero-for-zero sugar policy would direct U.S. trade negotiators to achieve sugar subsidy reforms abroad, and would require sugar policy elimination in the United States once the free market forms. It is essentially a global subsidy cease-fire, and it is the only truly free-market solution on the table that puts efficient U.S. businesses in a position to succeed.

Sincerely,

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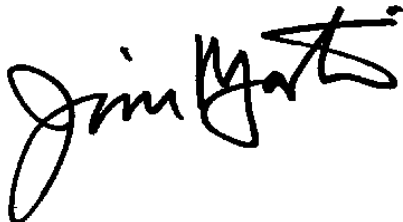
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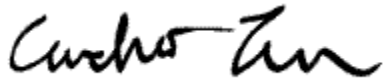


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