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To: Republican U.S. Representatives
From: Free-Market Sugar Advocates
Re: Oppose the Sugar Policy Modernization Act and Unilateral Disarmament of U.S. Sugar Policy

Dear Member of Congress,

On April 13, 2018 in a statement from the White House (*“What You Need To Know About President Donald J. Trump’s Success Opening International Markets To U.S. Agriculture”*), President Trump reaffirmed his call for a level playing field for America’s farmers and better treatment of U.S. agriculture around the world.

The Trump Administration’s position recognizes the competitive opportunities available for U.S. producers when foreign barriers are eliminated and the interests of American industries are supported first.

In its current form, U.S. sugar policy embodies that vision, and the Zero-for-Zero sugar plan, aligns with the Administration’s approach of eliminating foreign subsidies to create free market opportunities for U.S. producers.

America’s sugar farmers compete, unfairly, against heavily subsidized foreign producers, but the sugar industry has not experienced the same widespread devastation of other American industries because of U.S. sugar policy.

The sugar policy program applies common-sense, supply and demand principles to stabilize the U.S. sugar market and eliminate the need for government payments to America’s sugar farmers – a sustainable no-cost option for American taxpayers.

There are attempts by those who support foreign government subsidies and profit from cheap foreign imports to dismantle the U.S. sugar policy program. The Sugar Policy Modernization Act (H.R. 4265) is one of these “America last” proposals.

The Sugar Policy Modernization Act leaves our ports and our farms vulnerable by mandating that the U.S. Department of Agriculture oversupply the U.S. market with subsidized foreign sugar and removing critical farmer loan programs, which are available to virtually every commodity.

At face value, this plan infers that we should value the deep pockets of foreign governments more than common sense sugar policy and hardworking American farmers.

The Sugar Policy Modernization Act, in whole or in part, may be introduced during debate of the Agriculture and Nutrition Act of 2018, giving you an opportunity to take a stand for American farmers and industry.

In any capacity, this plan would, in effect, unilaterally disarm U.S. sugar policy – directly conflicting with President Trump’s pledge to American voters.

Sincerely,



Rick Manning
President, Americans for Limited Government

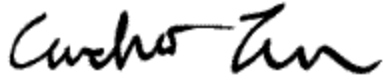


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