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To: Republican Senators
From: Free-Market Sugar Advocates
Re: Oppose “America-Last” Proposals for Unilateral Disarmament of U.S. Sugar Policy

Dear Senator,

The Trump Administration recognizes the competitive opportunities available for U.S. producers when foreign barriers are eliminated and the interests of American industries are supported first. *"No tariffs, no barriers, that's the way it should be — and no subsidies,"* President Donald Trump told G-7 leaders during a speech on June 8, 2018.

As the Senate considers the Farm Bill, you have the chance to move the ball forward on policy that embodies the President's vision and supports American farmers. That is the U.S. sugar program.

In its current form, U.S. sugar policy applies 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.

The policy exists because foreign subsidies have made sugar the world's most volatile commodity market. The extreme price peaks and valleys created by foreign governments hurts farmers when prices collapse and burns customers when they soar.

Without the stability of America's sugar policy program, American farmers and workers would lose market share to less-efficient industries backed by overseas treasuries. Legislative attempt to unilaterally disarm our policy would be catastrophic for the rural economy, but that has not stopped those who support foreign government subsidies and profit from cheap foreign imports to dismantle the U.S. sugar policy program.

These “America last” proposals – which may surface during consideration of the Farm Bill – leave our farms vulnerable by oversupplying the U.S. market with subsidized foreign sugar and driving down farmers' prices. At face value, this approach infers that we should value the deep pockets of foreign governments more than common-sense sugar policy and hardworking American farmers.

A similar proposal was introduced during House debate of the Agriculture and Nutrition Act of 2018, and it was rejected by a 141-vote margin. Now is your opportunity to take a stand for American farmers and industry should a similar amendment be introduced during debate in the Senate.

The Senate has a unique opportunity to embrace the President's pledge to American voters. Any amendment that would, in effect, unilaterally disarm U.S. sugar policy directly conflicts that promise.

Sincerely,



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President, Americans for Limited Government

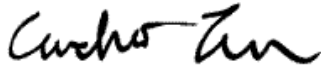


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