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Dear Senator,

The U.S. Department of Commerce and the U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) are currently engaged in active investigations of the Mexican sugar industry to determine if subsidized sugar is being dumped in the U.S. market.

Both agencies have cited strong evidence that Mexico is using unfair trade practices and causing harm to U.S. industries and U.S. taxpayers as a result. U.S. anti-dumping and countervailing duty laws are designed to stop such predatory practices.

While this government investigation is underway and U.S. laws are being enforced, we think it prudent to avoid legislative changes to policies that could dramatically move the market and further harm American interests.

Specifically, we believe changes to U.S. sugar policy at this time would reward an inefficient Mexican industry that is largely government run and is heavily subsidized, while punishing more efficient U.S. producers.

U.S. sugar policy should be reformed in favor of a free market. However, as long as countries like Mexico are heavily subsidizing their industries a free market cannot take shape. Until foreign market manipulation can be addressed, unilateral disarmament of U.S. policy should be a non-starter.

A more appropriate strategy for reforming sugar policy is encapsulated in House Concurrent Resolution 39 as authored by Representative Ted Yoho (R-Fla.). Under this strategy, U.S. sugar policy would be completely eliminated in exchange for the eradication of foreign subsidies.

Sincerely,

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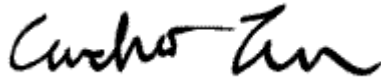




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