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*President and
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March 31, 2011

The Honorable Richard Lugar
United States Senator
306 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Senator Lugar:

The Grocery Manufacturers Association strongly supports your legislation, the Free Sugar Act of 2011.

As you know, U.S. sugar prices are at or near all-time record highs. While there are many factors for escalating prices, a suite of government programs to subsidize and protect U.S. sugar have kept domestic prices at, on average, twice the world price over the past 10 years. These artificial prices hurt not only businesses- from the corner bakery to some of the largest employers in America- but also the customers they serve.

GMA strongly supports the market based reforms embodied in your legislation and urges Congress to pass the Free Sugar Act of 2011.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pam Bailey". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Pam" and last name "Bailey" clearly distinguishable.

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