



AMERICANS FOR TAX REFORM

# LEGISLATIVE ALERT

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## **ATR URGES SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE TO APPROVE CAFTA WITH NO EXEMPTIONS**

**Americans for Tax Reform strongly supports the Central American Free Trade Agreement, and urges the Senate Finance Committee to preserve liberalization for all commodities, including sugar.** Therefore, the Committee should not accede to the sugar lobby, and should insist on truly free trade in CAFTA – trade that does not include protections for politically powerful commodities.

CAFTA will introduce approximately \$17 billion into the U.S. economy, and open new markets for U.S. products. Further, the agreement will encourage six democratic governments who have resisted anti-American and protectionist pressures from others in the region.

It is also incumbent upon the U.S. to demonstrate to Central America and the world that it is serious about free trade, by resisting its own political pressures and opening markets for all commodities, including sugar.

**ATR strongly endorses CAFTA, and urges the Senate Finance Committee to approve the agreement with no exemptions for sugar.**