

The American Sugar Alliance opposes H.R. 5038, which would suspend the duty on chocolate confectionary products entering under HTSUS 1806.90.59. In order to avoid undermining or circumventing the U.S. sugar program, tariff rate quotas (TRQ's) have been established for these and certain other products with high sugar content. Suspension of the over-quota duty provided by 1806.90.59 would be inconsistent with the intent of these TRQ's and potentially damaging to the no-cost operation of the U.S. sugar program.

The American Sugar Alliance (ASA) is the national coalition of American sugar beet and sugarcane growers, processors, and refiners.