

November 13, 2018

Dear Member of Congress,

The Clean Budget Coalition, an alliance of labor, scientific, consumer, research, good government, faith, civil rights, community, health, environmental, and public interest groups, writes you to urge the passage of the outstanding FY19 appropriations bills with no ideological poison pill policy riders in advance of the December 7<sup>th</sup> deadline.

No appropriations titles, package of bills, or continuing resolution (should that be deemed the appropriate path to continue funding the government) should move forward containing partisan poison pill policy riders.

Time and time again, members of Congress attempt to quietly slip in corporate special interest wish list items that couldn't pass as standalone legislation into must-pass funding packages as poison pill riders, and our champions have stood firm in opposition. We ask that you take that stance as Congress processes the remaining FY19 appropriations bills.

Poison pill riders are unpopular and dangerous, and the public opposes using them to roll back public protections. The American people support policies to:

- Ensure safe and healthy food and products;
- Restrain Wall Street abuses;
- Secure our air, land, water and wildlife;
- Safeguard fair and safe workplaces;
- Guard against consumer rip-offs and corporate wrongdoing;
- Defend our campaign finance and election systems;
- Provide access to justice and fair housing;
- Protect human and civil rights; and
- Guarantee continued access to vital health care services including reproductive health care, among other things.

The public does not support slipping partisan and damaging issues into must-pass appropriations bills as a means to win approval.

We urge Members of Congress to fully fund important programs and to reject any flawed bills that include ideological poison pill policy riders that would undo essential public safeguards.

Sincerely,

AFL-CIO  
Alaska Wilderness  
American Association for Justice  
American Atheists  
American Bird Conservancy  
American Federation of Teachers

Americans for Financial Reform  
Animal Wellness Action  
Center for Biological Diversity  
Center for Progressive Reform  
Center for Reproductive Rights  
Clean Water Action  
Coalition on Human Needs  
Common Cause  
Consumer Action  
Consumer Federation of America  
Earthjustice  
Environment America  
Equality California  
Hip Hop Caucus  
Hispanic Federation  
Humane Society Legislative Fund  
Impact Fund  
International Fund for Animal Welfare  
League of Conservation Voters  
League of Women Voters of the United States  
Main Street Alliance  
NARAL Pro-Choice America  
National Association for College Admission Counseling  
National Association of Consumer Advocates  
National Black Justice Coalition  
National Center for Lesbian Rights  
National Coalition for the Homeless  
National Low Income Housing Coalition  
National Partnership for Women & Families  
National Women's Law Center  
Natural Resources Defense Council  
New America's Open Technology Institute  
New Progressive Alliance  
People For the American Way  
People's Action Institute  
Physicians for Social Responsibility  
Planned Parenthood Federation of America  
Public Citizen  
Public Justice Center  
Rachel Carson Council  
Safe Climate Campaign  
Save Our Sky Blue Waters  
Union of Concerned Scientists  
U.S. PIRG  
Wild West Institute  
The Wilderness Society