

July 16, 2018

Dear Representative,

As a part of the Clean Budget Coalition, we, the undersigned organizations write to ask you to oppose the House FY 2019 “minibus” packaging the Financial Services & General Government and Interior & Environment appropriations bills together.

This package is laden with ideological policy riders that are inappropriate for any funding bill.

Time and time again, members of Congress attempt to quietly slip in special interest wish list items that couldn't pass as standalone legislation into must-pass funding packages as poison pill riders.

Appropriations bills must not be misused to undermine essential safeguards. Slipping unrelated and damaging issues into must-pass appropriations bills as a means to win approval is a dangerous strategy for the public.

Poison pill riders are unpopular and damaging, and the public opposes using them. The American people oppose rollbacks that would hinder government's ability to:

- Restrain Wall Street abuses;
- Ensure safe and healthy food and products;
- 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 civil rights; and
- Guarantee continued access to vital health care services including reproductive health care, and more.

We urge Members of Congress to abide by the funding numbers agreed upon in the deal to fund the essential programs our nation needs for FY19, and to reject any flawed spending measures that includes poison pill policy riders.

Sincerely,

National groups

2020 Vision

Action on Smoking and Health

AFL-CIO

AFSCME

Alaska Wilderness League

American Association for Justice

American Federation of Teachers

American Rivers

Americans for Financial Reform

Association of Farmworker Opportunity Programs

Autistic Self Advocacy Network

Bend the Arc Jewish Action

Black Women's Health Imperative

Center for Progressive Reform

Center for Reproductive Rights

Center for Responsible Lending

Center for Science in the Public Interest (CSPI)

Clean Water Action

Coalition on Human Needs
Common Cause
Communications Workers of America (CWA)
Compassion & Choices
Consumer Action
Consumer Federation of America
Democracy 21
Earthjustice
Endangered Species Coalition
Environment America
Farmworker Justice
Food & Water Watch
Friends of the Earth - US
Green Science Policy Institute
Hip Hop Caucus
Hispanic Federation
Homeowners Against Deficient Dwellings
Humane Society Legislative Fund
Impact Fund
Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy
International Chemical Workers Union Council (ICWUC)
International Union, United Automobile, Aerospace, and Agricultural Implement Workers of America, UAW
Jewish Women International
The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights
League of Conservation Voters
League of Women Voters of the United States
Main Street Alliance
NARAL Pro-Choice America
National Association of Consumer Advocates
National Birth Equity Collaborative
National Center for Lesbian Rights
National Coalition for the Homeless
National Consumer Law Center (on behalf of its low income clients)
National Council of Jewish Women
National Education Association
National Employment Law Project
National Fair Housing Alliance
National Health Care for the Homeless Council
National Low Income Housing Coalition
National Women's Health Network
National Women's Law Center
Natural Resources Defense Council
New Progressive Alliance
PAI
People For the American Way
PLACE
Planned Parenthood Federation of America
Population Institute
Power Shift Network
Protect All Children's Environment
Public Citizen
Public Knowledge
Rachel Carson Council

Restore America's Estuaries
Safe Climate Campaign
Service Employees International Union (SEIU)
Sierra Club
Southern Environmental Law Center
The Arc of the United States
The Wilderness Society
U.S. PIRG
Union of Concerned Scientists
Voices for Progress
Witness to Mass Incarceration
Workplace Fairness

State and Local Groups

California Reinvestment Coalition - CA
Citizens' Environmental Coalition - NY
Environmental Advocates of New York - NY
Equality California - CA
Florida Alliance for Consumer Protection - FL
Herd on the Hill - DC
Hispanic Federation - CT
Hispanic Federation - FL
New Jersey Association on Correction - NJ
New Jersey Citizen Action - NJ
New Yorkers for Responsible Lending (NYRL) - NY
Public Justice Center - MD
Save EPA Ann Arbor - MI
Save Our Sky Blue Waters - MN