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SUBJECT LINE: jagged little pills

Target: Issue: regs, taken action on riders

[First\_Name],

Did you know our country has rarely passed a budget on time during the past few decades?

One thing that makes the process more difficult is poison pill policy riders.

They have nothing to do with funding our government and everything to do with rewarding corporate donors and ideological extremists. Yet, lawmakers slip them into “must pass” spending bills.

Once they’ve been added in, they’re very difficult to get out.

Cleaning house on poison pill riders can help clean-up the corruption in our political system. For example, three of them are preventing federal agencies from:

* Clarifying the rules around political activity for charities, churches, and nonprofits;
* Finishing a rule to requires publicly traded companies to disclose their political spending to their shareholders; and
* Blocking the disclosure of political spending by federal contractors that might be trying to get lucrative government contracts.

Email your lawmakers.

Ask them to clean up our political system by cleaning out poison pill riders.

These harmful measures often stop lawmakers from coming to an agreement, which is one reason we continue to fight hard to remove hundreds of them a year.

Let’s make this the year we pass a budget on time with no poison pill riders.

Do your part by contacting your legislators now.

Onward,

Bret Thompson  
Public Citizen’s Online Action Team

# Email Now: Demand a Clean Budget

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They are making political corruption easier and must be removed.

**Sample Email**

*We must do more to remove special interest rider from our spending bills. They are meant to fund our government – not sneak through special favors for donors.   
  
Some of these poison pills are stopping us from cleaning up our political system. Even if you agree with them, they do not belong in our funding bills.*

*Thank you for your time.*