**SIGN-ON LETTER: No Poison Pill Riders in FY 2019 Appropriations Bills**

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Dear Colleague,

We invite you to join us on the letter below to the leaders of the House and the House Appropriations Committee urging **no poison pill riders in FY 2019 appropriations legislation**.

In the past three appropriations cycles, House Democrats have sent letters articulating a clear position: no contentious policy provisions in spending bills. With a strong showing of caucus unity, we successfully pushed back on many harmful Republican riders. As the House takes up FY 2019 legislation, we must again present a unified message that appropriations bills should advance without poison pills attached. We ask you to join us again in this year’s effort.

To sign the letter, please contact Matt Hayward ([matt.hayward@mail.house.gov](mailto:matt.hayward@mail.house.gov)) with Rep. Schakowsky or Matt Lee ([matt.lee2@mail.house.gov](mailto:matt.lee2@mail.house.gov)) with Rep. Gallego.

Sincerely,

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*Text of FY 2018 No Poison Pill Riders letter:*

Dear Speaker Ryan, Leader Pelosi, Chairman Frelinghuysen, and Ranking Member Lowey:

We urge you to bring forward appropriations bills without poison pill policy riders to adequately fund the federal government in Fiscal Year (FY) 2019.

With agreement on top-line budget levels already established under the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018, we have the opportunity to advance bipartisan appropriations bills to address our country’s needs. However, bringing controversial policy riders into the appropriations process that would not pass on their own will only bog down consideration of legislation and increase the likelihood of yet another political impasse. Given the urgent challenges facing our country, the House of Representatives must work cooperatively to complete the appropriations process on time. Clean funding bills – free of poison pill riders – represent the best path forward as we work to fulfill our basic duty to keep the government running.

Cuts to vital programs and threats of government shutdown risk Americans’ security and economic wellbeing. We urge you to act in line with the best traditions of the House and the best interests of our country by advancing responsible appropriations legislation free of contentious poison pill provisions.

Sincerely,