November 13, 2018

Dear Member of Congress,

The Clean Budget Coalition, an alliance of labor, scientific, 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 7th 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.

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 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 includes ideological poison pill policy riders that would undo essential public safeguards.

Sincerely,