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In 1995, more than 200 public interest organizations – representing everything from environmental and consumer concerns to workers and civil rights – came together to form the Citizens for Sensible Safeguards coalition, chaired by OMB Watch. Through the remainder of the 90s, this coalition successfully beat back a string of regulatory “reform” bills that sought to prevent new public and environmental safeguards. Since then, coalition members have actively worked to spotlight special-interest influence over the executive branch. This report represents a compilation of their efforts. For more information go to <http://www.sensiblesafeguards.org>.



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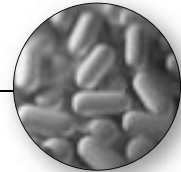
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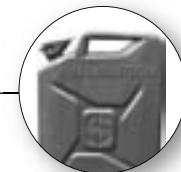
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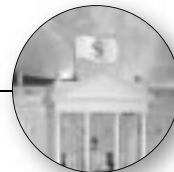


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