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Subject: Political Action Committee Derailed  
Posted by [davidf](#) on Wed, 02 Aug 2000 07:00:00 GMT  
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And the worst news is that it was not because of our radical letter writing campaign, it was just because it seemed like a really good thing to do and there had been several "official" requests by users in the past.

Bummer. And I just ordered 500 pens from Office Depot.

Guess it just goes to show you RSI really does listen to what people are asking for.

In any case, I've got a book to write and other things to do. I'm just going to wait until IDL 5.4 shows up and see what's there and what isn't. And although it goes totally against my grain, maybe I'll just ask for new features with a polite letter that begins, "Hi, I \*love\* IDL, but..."

Couldn't hurt. :-)

Cheers,

David

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Subject: Re: Political Action Committee Derailed  
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David,

go ahead and order another 500 pens for a new campaign for the next item on the wish list: "variable number of arguments"? Virtual threats are more efficient than the real world execution :-)

Best, Theo

David Fanning wrote:

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