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To: USOGE
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Hello USOGE,

Here's my comment regarding the legal expense fund regulations you wish to put in place. For a BADM 300- The Legal Environment of Business- assignment at the University of Illinois we were tasked with submitting comments on proposed regulations on the Federal Register that we found to be most interesting.

Regulation of legal expense funds has become an obvious necessity in today's political climate. The allies/lawyers of the current sitting President have established a Patriot Legal Expense Fund Trust to protect themselves from implications in the Mueller Probe. Yet in more than 6 months since its establishment, the Patriot Legal Expense Fund Trust has not spent a single penny on actual legal services. Yet they have listed expenditures of $50,000 for "insurance" and "professional accounting services". Multiple sources state that when they asked for assistance from the fund, their call went completely unanswered or resulted in no financial assistance. There is clearly a lack of transparency and there needs to be regulations set in place to make sure this fund and funds that arise in the future comply with federal law and ethic guidelines. We need to make sure to prevent conflicts of interest in the Executive Branch , that donors and recipients of such funds are made public, and that these funds conform to legal and ethical frameworks

In short, it is a travesty that such regulations are not already in place.

Thank You,
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