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I oppose OGE's proposed legal expense fund regulation as drafted. OGE should:

- Remove the exception that makes compliance with the regulation optional
- Replace the proposed recusal requirement with a broader 5-year recusal requirement that prevents donors of cash gifts from influencing decisions, policies or regulations affecting them or the industries in which they have substantial interests.
- Remove the offensive example involving an accused sexual harasser; and
- Place nonprofit charities (501(c)(3) organizations) on an equal footing with large law firms by allowing them to hire legal counsel for whistleblowers.

Come on guys, democracy is hanging by a thread. Didn't we make Jimmy Carter get rid of the peanut farm? Ethics used to mean something, even if it was just peanuts. This isn't peanuts.

Thank you.

-Kim Westenskow