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I am greatly concerned that ethics in the US government is only adhered to by "suckers", nothing should be optional. I have included a list of my objections for clarity sake.
I'm disappointed that this draft was ever considered. It applies unfairly and relies on voluntary compliance.
It is vitally important to put teeth into the OGE again.

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.