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I OPPOSE the OGE's ridiculous proposed legal expense fund "regulation" as drafted.

The OGE should (at the very least):
- Remove the exception that makes compliance regulation OPTIONAL. (How ridiculous; why bother if it's "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 personally or the industries in which they have substantial interests;
-Remove the offensive example involving an accused sexual harasser (REALLY? Who needed this statement in??) and
- Place nonprofit charities (501)(c)(3) organizations) on equal footing with large law firms by allowing them to hire legal counsel for whistleblowers. Uh. Cause why not and who's afraid??

Enough grifting. Enough!

Sincerely,
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Sent from my iPhone