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To reduce risk or appearance of corruption, I strenuously 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.

We must not let those in positions of great responsibility abuse power by intimidating witnesses or allowing undue influence from those with money.

I reiterate, please do DO NOT enact this rule.

Thank you.

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