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To Whom It May Concern:

I oppose OGE's proposed legal expense fund regulation as drafted. I believe that OGE should incorporate the following changes:

1. **Remove the exception that makes compliance with the regulation optional.** Making a regulation optional renders the regulation pointless, and the time and effort spent drafting and revising it a complete waste of taxpayer's money. Allowing the prior regulation—adopted under a corrupt regime—as a backstop, is reprehensible. Americans elected Biden so that the functions of our government would improve and the guardrails against corruption would be strengthened, and the obvious cracks and crevices where corruption sprouts in our system would be filled and repaired after being so brutally exposed. We did not intend for this administration to come through and enshrine the corruption. Do better than the trump regime.

2. **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.** American voters are tired of politicians and government officials and employees bending policies to appease the donor class or corruptly cashing in at our expense. We need to put an end to quid pro quo and revolving door policies that degrade the people's trust in government.

3. **Remove the offensive example involving an accused sexual harasser.** Giving violent sexual predators in our military and government ideas on how to get away with it on the cheap is repulsive.

4. **Place nonprofit charities (501(c)(3) organizations) on an equal footing with large law firms by allowing them to hire legal counsel for whistleblowers**. Many non-profits are vehicles for corrupt actors to launder themselves and the money that flows through their "charitable" entities. We need sunshine—and whistleblowers—wherever donors give money for a specific purpose, or where money meets government or politics of any kind.

Kindest regards,

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