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In (hopefully) your ongoing fight against corruption, I, as a voter, would like the following addendums/changes made to the rule:

First, I oppose OGE's proposed legal expense fund regulation as drafted. OGE should: - ***remove the exception*** that makes compliance with the regulation ***optional***. Being truthful and forthcoming is ***optional??*** Come ON!

• 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.

• 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.

Lobbying as it practiced today has far outlived an honest purpose.

Actually, anyone who *wants* a government position should be voted down. How man candidates, heavily monied by an outside interest, who've advertised a burning urge for a political position, have wound up demonstrating that America is NOT First, not by a long shot, but rather ME First.

Thanks for your attention.

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