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To: Contact OGE
Subject: Proposed Rule: Legal Expense Fund Regulation (RIN 3209-AA50)
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To Whom It May Concern,

I oppose OGE's proposed legal expense fund regulation as drafted. Money in our politics has done much to corrupt our political systems and we must begin a process of walking-back these problems.

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.

Sincerely,
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