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I oppose OGE's proposed legal expense fund regulation as drafted.:

1. remove the exception that makes compliance with the regulation optional;
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;
3. remove the offensive example involving an accused sexual harasser US Mil commanding officer; and
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.

We are currently awash with malfeasance in ethical standards, exemplified by a corrupt former administration that tried to solicit aid from Vladimir Putin ("find the missing emails"; hired the pro-Putin campaign manager Steve Bannon), abused the emoluments clause of the Constitution, brandished nepotism over competence while over-riding security clearance denials from professional vetting, embezzled Inaugural funds, used the WH Podium as a forum for daily "alternate facts" aka LIES ("election fraud" etc), pressured an ally to announce a phony investigation of potential political opponents under penalty of withholding Congressionally-approved military aid while said ally was under attack from Vladimir Putin, and schemed to overturn the Presidential election of JR Biden.

The result of this corrupt adminstration was the packing of the SCOTUS by filling a stolen seat (from Merrick Garland), installing an intemperant accused sexual assaulter who was shielded by the FBI from legitimate investigation of submitted tips and affadavits, and, finally, appointing an incompetent religious bigot who thinks women should be forced into bearing children for others to adopt, regardless of the consequences of denying life-saving care to a pregnant patient experiencing fatal miscarriage events.

SCOTUS has lost legitimacy, FBI is under suspicion of favoritism, the Oval Office has been forever tainted by the spectre of a future Manchurian Candidate with a corrupt Congress Congress that is deadlocked by power-hungry GOP abuse the filibuster that overlooks and obfuscates overwhelming evidence

(cf. Mueller report, Ukraine impeachment trial, insurrection impeachment trial) that overlooks seditious members continuing to peddle lies about illegal votes.

OGE should do everything it can to right this ship and restore confidence in an agreed upon and enforceable code of ethics. It is a matter of national security. This is an essential step to restore confidence in the world's view of USA.

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