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I 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 equal footing with large law firms by allowing them to hire legal counsel for whistleblowers.

They should take all of these steps as soon as possible; tonight, if they can.

Respectfully,

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