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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;
Place nonprofit charities (501(c)(3) organizations) on an equal footing with large law firms by allowing them to hire legal counsel for whistleblowers.

Basically, the Rule fails to fix a corrupt ethical practice begun in the Trump administration. It involves fund raising for government officials and others caught in ethics investigations (such as DONALD TRUMP and his cronies) to scam the public into funding their legal defense funds. This does not take into consideration the pressure that can be applied to witnesses by withholding funds.

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