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To: USOGE
Subject: Proposed Rule: Legal Expense Fund Regulation (RIN 3209-AA50)
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Greetings:
I am appalled at the amount of corruption and unethical behavior on the parts of our elected officials, and if I understand this proposed rule, it will only get worse and make it impossible to keep tabs on fundraising practices (in particular, the Patriot Legal Expense Fund Trust). We need to get money OUT of politics - it only leads to more corruption and more distrust of our government because of a lack of oversight and transparency.

In response to the above referenced proposed rule:
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 an equal footing with large law firms by allowing them to hire legal counsel for whistleblowers.

Sincerely,
Debra Troen