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I strongly oppose OGE's proposed rule recording cash gifts and legal services. As a government ethics professional for almost 20 years, the loopholes in the rule allowing compliance to be optional is a terrible idea. All ethics rules should be mandatory.

Secondly, federal employees should never be allowed to accept any cash gifts or legal services without substantial guardrails. These guardrails must include public disclosure of the amount of the gift, the nature of th relationship between the donor and the donee, and whether the donor does any business with the donee or the donee's agency. To allow gifts without these restrictions is to allow federal employees to accept gifts where a quid pro quo could be implied.

The last administration showed that the ethics enforcement rules in the federal government are too lax and weak. The rules need to be tightened, not weakened. I strongly oppose this rule.

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