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To whom it may concern:

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

- remove the exception that makes compliance with the regulation optional (this one is so stupid);

- 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 (seriously?!);

- 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.

We must ensure that elected representatives of the people and public officials are held accountable and that all whistleblowers are treated fairly, justly, and that their complaints are taken seriously and properly investigated without fear of retaliation.

I thank you for your time and prompt attention to this feedback.

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