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I am writing to you today because i vehemently oppose the OGE's proposed legal expense fund regulation as drafted. Ethics in government should NEVER be optional in the United States of America!

OGE should:
1) Remove the exception that makes compliance with the regulation optional;
2) 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;
3) Remove the offensive example involving an accused sexual harasser;
4) Place nonprofit charities (501(c)(3) organizations) on an equal footing with large law firms by allowing them to hire legal counsel for whistleblowers.

Thank you for your time and attention to this extremely important matter. Ethics are critical to the health and well being of our nation.