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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 inappropriate example involving an accused sexual harrasser; 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.

As an American citizen, I am appalled at any attempt to make government ethics rules both lax and "optional", especially when corruption is already so rife. Thank you.

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