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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 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.

Ethics in our Democracy should never be OPTIONAL. Never. It should be a requirement. We the people should never be @ the mercy of unethical practices. We have seen what comes of this. We the people demand appropriate action to keep unethical people & practices out of our Democracy.

Thank you
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