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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.