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After 4 years of the Trump Administration, it was repeatedly demonstrated that our nation's government needs stronger ethical standards and enforcement, not weaker. This is, because Trump and most of those he brought into our Executive branch repeatedly violated ethical standards when thoss ethical standards stood in the way of their corruption.

Due to this, I oppose the OGE's proposed legal expense fund regulation as drafted. 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.