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Good morning-
I oppose OGE's proposed legal expense fund regulation as drafted. I believe OGE should make the following changes:
- 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.
- 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,
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