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I oppose OGE's proposed legal expense fund regulation as drafted.
If the OGE actually wants to make legal expense funds "transparent, open, and accessible to the public," it 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; - place nonprofit charities (501(c)(3) organizations) on an equal footing with large law firms by allowing them to hire legal counsel for whistleblowers.

Making compliance with the regulation optional is ridiculous. Please make sure the regulation can actually deter unelected donors from holding sway over officials and actually holds officials to a higher standard.

Sincerely yours,
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