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I OPPOSE OGE's legal expense fund regulation as drafted. It is essential government ethics regulations be strengthened in the wake of the abuses of the Trump years. Americans need to be confident that government officials of both parties and those without partisan affiliation are acting in the public interest. In order to contribute to that confidence the proposed regulation should be changed to:

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; and
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.

Please incorporate these revisions into the final regulation.

Yours truly,
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