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I oppose OGE's proposed legal expense fund regulation as drafted.

Ethics are NEVER optional ESPECIALLY in government.

The OGE should remove the exception that makes compliance with the regulation optional;

the OGE should replace the proposed recusal requirement with a broader 5-year (or greater) 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;

the OGE should remove the offensive example involving an accused sexual harasser; and it should place nonprofit charities (501(c)(3) organizations) on an equal footing with large law firms by allowing them to hire legal counsel for whistleblowers.

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