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

OGE 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; and
- **place nonprofit charities (501(c)(3) organizations) on an equal footing** with large law firms by allowing them to hire legal counsel for whistleblowers.

Ethical regulations should not be "optional"; do not allow the corruption of our democracy to go unchecked.

Thank you,
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