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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.

Optional government ethics leads to corruption and a lack of trust in the government. We must hold those in power accountable for unethical practices, not allow them to ignore ethics when it is convenient for them.

Thank you.
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