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Subject: Proposed Rule: Legal Expense Fund Regulation (RIN 3209-AA50)
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I oppose OGE:s proposed legal expense fund regulation as drafted. OGE should:
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 industries in which they have substantial interests.
3) Remove the offensive example involving an accused sexual harasser.
4) And place non-profit charities (501(c)(3) organizations) on an equal footing with large law firms by allowing them to hire legal counsel for whistleblowers.

American citizens deserve better than optional ethics for top officials. Legal expense funds should be open, transparent, and accessible to the public as promised by Director Rounds.

Thank you,
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