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I want it on record that I oppose OGE's proposed legal expense fund regulation as drafted. The very idea that "Optional government ethics rules" in existence is unacceptable. The following revisions must be made to clarify that there are ethical rules that must be obeyed.

OGE Should:

- Remove the exception that makes compliance with the regulation optional;
- Relace 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.

Many Americans today distrust our government for reasons exactly like the original crafting of RIN-AA50! Let's clean this up!

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