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

- remove (with prejudice!) 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.

We have a critical problem with elected officials misusing their power, especially after the last horrendously corrupt administration.

What we need are rules akin to the legal framework of a Fiduciary. Legally required to operate as a faithful steward of the power they wield, and use it for the benefit of the public and not themselves.

To bring better behavior to DC, we need your office, OGE, to be active, realistic, forward-thinking, and frankly DISTRUSTFUL of people in power's assurances of good behavior. Check for yourselves, and help the public regain some trust in the people who uphold your standards. Make public those who transgress. That's what I need from you.

-Citizen, parent, First Responder,
Robert Parrish

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