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Hi OGE team,

I oppose OGE's proposed legal expense fund regulation as drafted. Thank you for taking these suggestions to serious consideration. OGE should:

- remove the exception that makes compliance with the regulation optional because that essentially takes away any power the regulation will have and render it useless and pointless;
- replace the proposed recusal requirement with a broader 5-year (at least) 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 highly offensive example involving an accused sexual harasser that will inevitably support witness intimidation; 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.

Thank you for making these reasonable changes and caring about ethics in our government.

Best,
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A concerned citizen