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To Whom It May Concern:

I ***oppose*** OGE's proposed legal expense fund regulation as drafted, and make any ethics compliance "optional". ORE 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 or in-kind gifts from influencing decision, 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.

Thank you,

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Alarmed Citizen