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Subject: Proposed Rule: Legal Expense Fund Regulation (RIN 3209-AA50)
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Dear Sirs,

I oppose the OGE's proposed legal regulation as drafted.

I think it is set up to help those with big bucks and connections and against anyone who speaks out. Why can't someone raise funds for a whileblower when you allow for people in positions of power to have a fund.

1) remove the exception that makes compliance with the regulation optional (face it … corrupt people will just ignore it because you says its ok to do that)
2) replace the proposed recusal requirement with a broader 5yr 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.
3) remove the offensive example involving an accused sexual harasser
4) 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.

You need to get your act together to protect the american people and not the rich and powerful all the time. This entire thing just really shows who you work for..

Be ashamed.

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