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I oppose OGE's proposed legal expense fund regulation AS DRAFTED.

OGE should:
- REMOVE the exception making compliance with the regulation OPTIONAL;

- REPLACE the proposed limited 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;

- PLACE nonprofit charities (501(c)(3) organizations) on an equal footing with large law firms by allowing them to hire legal counsel for whistleblowers.

Using legalese to twist regulations into incomprehensible, loophole sprinkled pretzels does NOT serve the public interest.