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

1) remove the exception that makes compliance with the regulation optional;
2) 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;
3) remove the offensive example involving an accused sexual harasser; and
4) place nonprofit charities (501(c)(3) organizations) on an equal footing with large law firms by allowing them to hire legal counsel for whistleblowers.

After what we have seen happen over the last 6-10 years with big money corruption in the United States, making this optional is simply ludacris.

Citizens United has already done massive damage to the credibility of our elected officials. The fact that Congress continues to hem and haw over tighter restrictions on insider trading amongst elected officials, continues to show that those elected cannot be trusted to self-govern when it comes to ethics in public office.

DO YOUR JOBS and do NOT make this OPTIONAL.

Sincerely,

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