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To whom it may concern,

I join others deeply concerned about the clear and rapid erosion in recent years of impartial government oversight and ethical dedication to common sense, moral fiber in American politics, and we specifically oppose OGE's proposed legal expense fund regulation as drafted.

OGE should instead:
- remove the exception making compliance with the regulation optional; 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;
- 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.

These steps will help ensure a more fair, safe, and transparent process.

Thank you,
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