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It is preposterous to change your rules to make following government ethics standards optional!

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

I oppose the newly proposed regulation that would do this.

Yours truly,

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