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I understand that OGE is considering a new regulation of legal expense funds, and that it makes compliance with the regulation optional. I object strongly to the idea that compliance with conflict of interest regulation should be optional.
Citizens and taxpayers of the United States are not well-served by regulations that excuse those who are influenced by gifts from consequences of accepting those gifts.
The actions of federal officials must be disclosed to the public to help promote trust in government and to discourage actions contrary to the best interest of the country.