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I oppose the Office of Government Ethics' proposed legal expense fund regulation as drafted. If a civil servant can't observe personal and professional ethics, THEY SHOULDN'T BE THERE!

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;
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.

Sincerely,
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