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Subject: Proposed Rule: Legal Expense Fund Regulation (RIN 3209-AA50)
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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.

Ethics can't be optional for those who hold the most power and we can't allow for-profit law firms more leeway than non profits.

I question what you were thinking by adding this language but give you the benefit of doubt because of the opportunity for public comment. Fix this. Our democracy may well depend on it.

Sincerely,
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