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To: Contact OGE
Subject: Proposed Rule: Legal Expense Fund Regulation (RIN 3209-AA50)
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Hello,

I'm contacting your office to address the proposed rule, RIN 3209-AA50.

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.

It is critical that the OGE provide consistent guidance and leadership to promote full transparency, accountability, and integrity among all elected and appointed government officials - including military personnel.

Thank you,
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