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Please support honest government and policy making that focuses on and prioritizes the public good rather than private interests and profiteering. Ethics regulations need to be ethical rather than merely for show (and should also be written to show respect for all peoples in this country and respect for the rule of law.) These are reasons,
I oppose the OGE's proposed legal expense fund regulation as drafted. 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.