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I oppose OGE's proposed legal expense fund regulation as drafted. It sends the message that ethics do not matter. OGE should:

1.remove the exception that makes compliance with the regulation optional…this is an appalling addition and invites ongoing corruption to continue;
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…Americans are tired of pay to play, and the outsized and corrupting influence that corporations and oligarchs have in this country;
3.remove the offensive example involving an accused sexual harasser… yuck, really?; and
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. Stop supporting corporate wants over the rights of private citizens. Whistleblowers need to be able to protect themselves from bottomless bags of money.

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