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Subject: Proposed Rule: Legal Expense Fund Regulation (RIN 3209–AA50)
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I am writing to 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.

I am urging you say no to optional government ethics. If we're ever going to root out corruption and hold our government accountable for unethical practices, it won't happen by giving them the ability to opt out. No part of ethics should be optional.

I'm disgusted that this is even being considered. I'm a Registered Nurse, could you imagine if any part of my or a physicians responsibility to you as a patient was optional? America deserves better than this.

Sincerely

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