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I oppose OGE's proposed legal expense fund regulation as drafted. Ethics should NEVER be "optional!" We must demand the highest ethics at all levels of government from all government institutions, agencies, employees, and officials. Always. No exceptions.

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.

Stop the assault on the People and their government.