From: Mary Lou
To: USOGE
Subject: Proposed rule: Legal Expense Fund Regulation (RIN 3209-AA50)
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Dear Sir/Madam,
I oppose OGE's proposed legal expense fund regulation as drafted.
OGE should instead :

1.) remove the exception that makes compliance with the regulation optional. (I'm shocked this is even a thing...sigh)

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 :and place nonprofit charities (501(c) (3) organizations on equal footing with large law firms by allowing them to hire legal counsel for whistleblowers.

Please do not make your previous proposal OPTIONAL! The ethics of our top officials should not be arbitrary.

Thank you for your time.
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