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I 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.

How can any ethics policy be optional, especially, related to government entities? Isn't that the same as not having a policy since all individuals choose whether to be ethical? As an individual, where do each of you stand regarding your personal ethics and of your government officials? You know, optional ethics…of which many lead to prison sentences.

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