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To whom it may concern:

I vehemently oppose OGE's proposed legal expense fund regulation as 'drafted' and believe OGE should:

1. Remove the exception that makes compliance with the regulation optional.
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.
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.*

Kindest regards,
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