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To whom it may concern:

As a U.S. citizen and taxpayer, I'm writing to object to several elements of the proposed legal expense fund regulation as drafted.

For one, thing, compliance with the regulation should *not* be "optional" but mandatory! (How completely absurd and pointless to draft a regulation… and then make compliance optional!)

Next, I urge you to strengthen the recusal requirement by making it a broader five-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.

You should also remove the example involving helping out an accused sexual harasser.

And finally, I ask you to place 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations on an equal footing with large law firms by allowing them to hire legal counsel for whistleblowers.

Yours sincerely,

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