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I oppose OGE's proposed legal expense fund regulation as drafted. These are the changes I support:

1. OGE should make compliance MANDATORY. Please remove the exception that makes compliance with the regulation optional - that makes the entire exercise nearly pointless.

2. OGE should set a broad FIVE YEAR long 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. Allow nonprofit charities/ 501(c)(3) organizations to hire legal counsel for whistleblowers in order to keep them on an equal footing with large law firms.

4. Remove your example of a senior military officer who is being court martialed for sexual harrassment as someone eligible to raise funds for their defense, as this could be seen as victim intimidation. The example may be valid but you don't need to include such a specific example, a choice that is offensive to many.

Thank you for considering this comment.
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