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I oppose OGE's proposed legal expense fund regulation as drafted. OGE should:

1. **Remove the exception that makes compliance with the regulation optional!** (Wow, why bother making it a regulation, if it's only optional?) I expect our political leaders to have the highest ethics and morals and to lead by example.
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
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.

I expect the OGE to be proposing guidance that demands the highest level of ethics from our government officials! We've seen what happens with ethics are ignored. Do better!

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