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I'm deeply disturbed by what I've been reading about OGE's proposed ethics rules. How does it help anything to make ethics rules optional? What kind of nonsense is that?

I strongly **oppose** OGE's proposed legal expense fund regulation as drafted.

First of all, you need to get rid of the exception that makes compliance with the regulation optional.
In addition, you should:
1) increase the recusal requirement to 5 years, preventing
donors of cash gifts from influencing decisions, policies, or regulations affecting them or the industries in which they have substantial interests
2) remove the offensive example involving an accused sexual harasser
3) place nonprofit charities on an equal footing with large law firms by allowing them to hire legal counsel for whistleblowers.

Do better guys, seriously. Your original proposed rules are BS.

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