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To: USOGE
Subject: Proposed Rule: Legal Expense Fund Regulation (RIN 3209-AA50)
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Dear OGE staff:

I am writing to let you know that I strongly oppose OGE's proposed legal expense fund regulation as drafted.

No government official or politician should be allowed to set up a political organization (a 527 group) to raise cash to cover legal expenses -- that is truly corrupt.

As a citizen who is very, very concerned about unethical and corrupt behavior by government officials, I urge OGE to:

1) remove the exception that makes compliance with the regulation optional -- compliance **must** be mandatory to be effective;
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.

Sincerely,

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