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I oppose the OGE's proposed legal expense fund regulation as drafted. OGE should:
1) Remove the exception that makes compliance with the regulation optional; By allowing the executive branch of the government to opt out of adhering to government ethics has got to be a freaking joke. Are you out of your mind? Do you even in your wildest dreams think that a career corrupt criminal like The Former Guy (aka Orange Jackass) would EVER hold any adherence whatsoever to any ethics if he were to be given the ever-so-delightful "option" to ignore basic ethics? This nation does not need even one more career criminal like The Former Guy to be handed the gift of grifting the taxpayers, lying, spreading hate, fear mongering, racism, unbounded misogyny, and outright theft of office in this nation again.
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;
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.