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Subject: Proposed Rule: Legal Expense Fund Regulation (RIN 3209–AA50)
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Dear Reader,

I write to oppose OGE's proposed legal expense fund regulation as drafted.

Please:

- remove the exception that makes compliance with the regulation optional;
- replace the proposed recusal requirement with a broader 5-year recusal requirement to prevent donors of cash gifts from influencing decisions, policies, or regulations affecting them or the industries in which they have substantial interests;
- remove the offensive example involving an accused sexual harasser in the military, allowig him to raise funs for his defense - the inclusionmight well intimidate future whistleblowers in themilitary; and
- place nonprofit charities (501(c)(3) organizations) on an equal footing with large law firms by allowing them to hire legal counsel for whistleblowers.

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