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Dear regulators,

We have a narrow window of time to prevent further attempts to overthrow democracy like the one that unfolded on January 6th. Those who urged that violence exploited regulatory loopholes to bolster their corruption.

I am writing to urge you to oppose OGE's proposed legal expense fund regulation as drafted. Instead, OGE should:

- remove the exception that makes compliance with the regulation optional;
- 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;
- remove the offensive example involving an accused sexual harasser; 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.

Please do your ethical duty to serve fair, representational democracy. Other nations are watching us closely, and will make their decisions about how to govern themselves and interact with our nation in the future based on whether we address corruption.

Regards,
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