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

What is even the point of writing rules if you make them Optional?! Have you any idea what's been going on in our country during and since Trump/GOP? None of these government officials have been held to any ethical standard. We need more than watered down "rules" that let people with bad intent do whatever they please at the expense of others. The OGE needs to do better. Now is your time to shine.

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