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I strongly oppose this regulation.

It seems that OGE never learns that you get less ethics with more rules. What possible "ethical" harm is this trying to prevent? Has dishonorable conduct related to gifts from lobbyists increased? Can rank and file government employees really be influenced by baseball cap or a calculator that doesn't work?

And does anyone really think that this will make government more ethical?

This rule guarantees additional time-wasting and government waste, but has no chance at all of making government employees behave more honorably.

And it assumes there is something evil about lobbying. What about seeking redress from your government?

Why should anyone care at all if a lobbyist gives a federal employee a pen? And even if some do care, is that such a pernicious event to justify the new bureaucracy and record-checking this rule will create? **Has anyone even considered the cost and benefits here? That should be published along with the proposed rule.**

And please, don't you think that this is easily evaded? How about gifts from people associated with registered lobbyists?

This does not promote good government, but does promote government waste.

I support the President in almost all of his policies. But this is just silly pandering to the uninformed.

What a waste of time and effort.