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I oppose the adoption of the proposed rule.

As I understand it, the Office of Government Ethics has proposed making compliance with the rule only an option. In any regulation involving ethics, compliance should be manditory.

The proposed rule should be modified so that t includes a broad 5-year recusal requirement. Until this 5-year interval has elapsed, the affected donors of cash gifts cannot persue activities that influence any governmental decisions, policies, or regulations which affect the donors or the industries in which they have substantial interests;

In addition, the modification should place nonprofit charities (501(c)(3) organizations) on an equal footing with large law firms by allowing the charities to hire legal counsel for whistleblowers.

Thank you for taking my views into consideration.

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