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Hello there,

I write to you today about my opposition to the proposed rule. The idea of ethics being optional is so absolutely ridiculous I cannot believe it was considered under this administration when it's done much better about such things compared to our previous one. The fact that the rule would allow the following to happen is beyond appalling to me.

- 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.

Throw this rule away, it's going to do more harm in the long run.

From,

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