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Subject: Proposed Rule: Legal Expense Fund Regulation (RIN 3209-AA50)
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Hello,

I am appalled that the OGE would write ethics rules that would be optional. That is antithetical to what your office stands for and further degrades our democracy. I oppose the OGE's proposed legal expense fund regulation as drafted. OGE should:

1. Remove the exception that makes compliance with the regulation optional;
2. 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;
3. remove the offensive example involving an accused sexual harasser; and
4. Place nonprofit charities (501 (c)(3) organizations on equal footing with large law firms by allowing them to hire legal counsel for whistleblowers.

Sincerely,
Jordan Parker