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It is time to bring ethical behavior back to the government. We are in a freefall.

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.**

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