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I oppose OGE's proposed legal expense fund regulation as currently drafted. But you can fix it! Here's how:
- remove the exception that makes compliance with the regulation optional (I mean, seriously? You made an anti-corruption regulation optional? Guess who will choose not to comply?)
- 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 (if you don't give it teeth, it's like it wasn't there in the first place);
- 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.

Let's make our government more accountable so it works better for all of us!
Thanks,

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