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Subject: Proposed Rule: Legal Expense Fund Regulation (RIN 3209-AA50)
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To the Office of Government Ethics,

I strongly oppose the OGE legal expense fund regulation as drafted, and, quite frankly, you as the alleged guardians of government ethics should be ashamed of your proposal as written. The fact that you are seriously considering including an exception allowing OPTIONAL compliance is patently ridiculous. I urge you to reconsider and remove this exception that makes compliance optional.

Additionally, I support the following changes to RIN 3209-AA50:

-Replace the proposed recusal requirement with a five 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.

Sincerely,

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