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Please read my below comments about this proposed rule change. There is so much corruption in government now that we must do everything possible to keep politicians and people in power from abusing their positions to gain power and influence or chill dissent. This new rule is a recipe for corruption and in the private sector world, no one crafts their policies "hoping" people will do the right thing. Hope is not a strategy!!! Please make the necessary changes to add teeth to this regulation so politicians cannot continue these unethical practices.

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.

Thank you,
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