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To: Contact OGE
Subject: Proposed Rule: Legal Expense Fund Regulation (RIN 3209-AA50)
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Dear OGE,

I am very concerned by this proposed rule, and ask you to carefully consider and act on my position:

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.

These issues are of vital importance to me and my fellow citizens, to ensure that government employees are working for the public good, not for private gain.

Please keep me informed of your action on this request.

Thank you!

Frank Wells

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