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I oppose OGE's proposed legal expense fund regulation as drafted. The OGE must:

- 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.

The OGE must *say* ***no to optional government ethics.*** We must root out corruption and hold those in power accountable for unethical practices, it won't happen by giving them the ability to opt-out.

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