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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.

As a former federal employee (USEPA), I am dumbfounded that OGE is considering making this ethics rule 'optional'. Thank you for your attention to these concerns in advance of finalizing the ethics rule and in support of restoring a basis for citizen trust in our government.

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