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To: USOGE
Subject: OGE Proposed Rule

Please consider the following comments from the Better Business Bureau, Serving E. Mo. and S. Ill. concerning the OGE proposed rule restricting government employees from attending trade association meetings and events.

This BBB formed a Consumer Fraud Task Force in 2002 for the purpose of investigating and exposing scams and fraudulent business practices. The Task Force includes Mo. & Ill. Attorneys General offices, U S Attorney, Federal Trade Commission, Federal Bureau of Investigation, U S Postal Inspection Office, etc. It meets on a regular basis and issues joint consumer education press releases. Some Task Force members also participates in the BBB's Shred Day, an event that helps consumer avoid being a victim of identity theft.

As we understand the proposed rule, if passed, we would no longer be able to continue our Task Force and our collaborative efforts to protect our marketplace would end.

We strongly encourage this proposed rule not move forward.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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