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How can one be fair when there are other motives behind their actions? That is what I asked myself when I read this proposal. I support this rule for several valid reasons. If this rule is implemented, it will make policy implementing more fair. The reason for why I say this is because it is hard for a person to be neutral when one gives that person a gift or something equivalent to it. Gift giving is something that should have been banned years ago. One of the most prominent culprits in this are the oil companies. If we look back at BP and policy makers, we can see that BP "gifted" many millions of dollars in gifts in order to make people look the other way on wrong actions they were engaging in. This proposed rule would be beneficial to the policy worker because they would not have to feel obligated to take the gift if there was a gift ban rule, it would benefit companies because some companies do not have the power to give out gifts, thus the favoritism would end, and the most important of all, it would benefit the

public. It would benefit the public by making people aware that there is one less thing that is unfairly swaying government workers to pass policies or to implement new programs. I vote for this rule because of the reasons stated above. I hope that many others feel the same way I do. If this rule is passed it would make it easier on everyone and would put an end to some of the inequality that goes on in our government.