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I fully support the OGE's proposed regulation that would prohibit all government employees from accepting gifts from lobbyists. I noticed that already some lobbyists are trying to paint this regulation as something that will kill any communication between lobbyists and government workers. However, the proposal clearly states that it simply bars them from giving gifts of any kind, which is a completely different restriction than barring them from meeting with government workers. Gifts, of any size, should not be allowed to influence the decision of our government workers and this allows lobbyists and their employers to pass along knowledge that federal employees can use, and vice versa. As a voting citizen of the United States, I support this proposal as I feel it still allows federal workers to develop policies and regulations alongside lobbyists that may provide crucial information, but it eliminates the potential abuse that is inherent in allowing lobbyists to provide gifts in exchange for access.

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