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I oppose the Office of Government Ethics's proposal regarding legal expense fund regulation as they are currently drafted. OGE should:

- Compliance with the regulation should not be optional; this clause should be removed;
- 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;
- allow nonprofit charities, 501(c)(3) organizations, to hire legal counsel for whistleblowers so they can compete on a more equal footing with high-powered law firms.

Thank you for your consideration,

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