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I oppose the OGE's proposed legal expense fund regulation as drafted. First and foremost compliance with the regulation must be mandatory and NOT optional. The currently proposed recusal requirement is too narrow and soft. It should be replaced with a broader 5-year recusal requirement while preventing donors of cash or cash equivalents from influencing government officials. Place nonprofit charities on a equal footing with large law firms by allowing them to hire legal counsel for whistleblowers. Last, but not least the example involving an accused sexual harasser is borderline if not fully offensive. You can do better than what you have here.