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I oppose the OGE's proposed legal expense fund regulation as drafted. OGE should:
1) Remove the exception that makes compliance with the regulation optional;
2) 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;
3) Remove the offensive example involving an accused sexual harasser;
4) Place nonprofit charities (501(c)(3) organizations) on an equal footing with large law firms by allowing them to hire legal counsel for whistleblowers.

We ask the Biden Administration to have higher standards and set a better example than the last administration by making these provisions mandatory. They are common sense, minimal limitations that would make at least a modest difference in restoring trust in government agencies and officials. Thank you.