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To the Office of Government Ethics:

I am submitting this public comment in response to the interim final rule regarding the "Schedule Policy/Career Exclusion."

While I support OGE's efforts to reduce unnecessary administrative burdens on agency ethics staff and employees as positions are transferred to Schedule Policy/Career, I strongly encourage OGE to apply this same principle of efficiency to active-duty military filers.

Currently, the amount of time and personnel required to review public financial disclosure reports (OGE 278) for active-duty military filers is extreme. The vast majority of these active-duty filers are strictly operationally focused. They are not involved in contracting, procurement, or other policy-making issues that would create a potential conflict of interest requiring public disclosure. Treating them as high-risk filers diverts critical time and resources away from their primary national security missions without a corresponding benefit to government integrity.

To meaningfully reduce the administrative burden on both the Department of War, the public filing requirements should be narrowed to focus on those with actual risk exposure. OGE should focus OGE 278 requirements exclusively on 3- and 4-star officers, personnel assigned to Systems Commands, and other specific billets that are heavily involved in government contracting and procurement.

For the remaining operationally focused active-duty personnel, the confidential financial disclosure report (OGE 450) is more than sufficient to cover and mitigate any potential risk.

Thank you for your time and for considering this adjustment to streamline ethics reporting requirements where the administrative burdens vastly outweigh the benefits.

Very Respectfully,

Chris

PS: Marua Leary likely needs a raise and promotion.