



## Exceptions to the OGE Gift Rule available under the Biden Ethics Pledge

The Biden Ethics Pledge continues the practice of prohibiting gifts from lobbyists to administration officials. As summarized below, some, but not all, exceptions listed in the broader government ethics gift rules (5 C.F.R. 2635.204) are available to administration officials.

### WHICH EXCEPTIONS ARE AVAILABLE TO OFFICIALS UNDER THE ETHICS PLEDGE?

Available	Unavailable
<b>(b)</b> Gifts based on personal relationship.	<b>(a)</b> Gifts of \$20 or less.
<b>(c)</b> Discounts and similar benefits.	<b>(d)</b> Awards and honorary degrees.
<b>(e)(1) &amp; (3)</b> Gifts based on outside business or employment relationship deriving from <b>(1)</b> spouse or <b>(3)</b> customary gifts provided during bona fide discussions with prospective employer.	<b>(e)(2)</b> Outside business or employment relationship of employee.
<b>(j)</b> Gifts to President or Vice President.	<b>(f)</b> Gifts in connection with political activities.
<b>(k)</b> Gifts authorized by supplemental agency regulation.	<b>(g)</b> Gifts of free attendance at widely attended gatherings.
<b>(l)</b> Gifts accepted under specific statutory authority.	<b>(h)</b> Social invitations.
	<b>(i)</b> Meals or refreshments in foreign areas.
	<b>(m)</b> Gifts of informational material.