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Mr. Preston,

Please stop favoring the 'religion industry.' This is a mix of business and charity. The charitable part should fall under non-profit. Short of taxing the business part as a business, we should at least make churches meet the disclosure requirements that all other 501(c)(3) organizations must comply with, or lose their exemption. Taxpayers, who are subsidizing tax-exempt groups, have a right to know what entities are exempt from taxation and to review general financial disclosures. The privilege of not being taxed must come with some measures of accountability.

Furthermore, please make churches conform to the same IRS requirements as all other 501(c)(3) groups. At a minimum, the IRS should require any organizations that claim to be religious organizations, to file an annual notice with the IRS that they are claiming tax exemption. The taxpayers should not be subsidizing these businesses, especially when they provide all of these outlandish luxuries to members and owners AND when they are continually violating numerous laws designed to separate them from the government.

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