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I'm an individual concerned about the IRS's inequitable treatment of religious organizations when it comes to nonprofit tax requirements. This is unconstitutional. As a government organization, the IRS should respect the separation of church and state.

All non-profit organizations should be treated equally, regardless of whether they espouse an atheist position, a religious position, or any other position. Currently the IRS singles out churches for privileged treatment by exempting them from the disclosure requirements 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.

Please make churches conform to the same IRS requirements as all other 501(c)(3) groups.

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