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To Whom it May Concern:

I do not agree with the IRS allowing churches and other religious entities not having to send the IRS a notice when they file & claim the 990 filing exemption. This is special and unequal treatment of one entity over another, and I am writing this letter in protest. The reason I am protesting this unfair treatment is because it lets churches hide their financial records behind this cloak of non-compliance. As a non-profit they need to beheld answerable to the public and the government, which is not as easy when they do this.

Churches get away with not paying taxes already. Taxpayers should be able to access the information found in their tax records to keep transparency. Other non-profits must do this so churches should be held accountable, too. To simply ignore this important step of tax code is unfair to all the other non-profits, and costs them considerably more money than churches. This is favoritism.

The separation of church and state guaranteed in the U.S. Constitution is surely being stretched beyond legality in too many ways with our government. Let's at least follow the laws in place and not show favor to churches over other non-profits with tax filings.

Sincerely,
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