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Hello Ms. Preston,

I am writing to you with my concerns regarding the use of and mandates surrounding Form 990. It is incredibly disconcerting that religious non-profit organizations are given preferential treatment over other non-profits. This, in my view, constitutes a disregard for the separation of church and state, which is for the benefit of all citizens of the United States. Along these lines, it is my firm belief that all non-profits, religious or secular, should be subject to the same regulations and requirements. As a full-time employee, tax-payer and voting citizen, I would appreciate if my tax dollars were used in a consistent and fair manner and did not favor one organization over another for religious reasons.

Please allow me provide a short example of how the scales are tipped rather unfairly just because one organization claims they are religious; I volunteer with a small, animal rescue group - the North Texas Cat Rescue, based in McKinney, TX, bringing in less than $50,000 in revenue annually - and when I compare the expense and difficulty that the rescue group must go through to comply with IRS requirements to those of my parents' church - Gateway, based in Southlake, TX, bringing in just shy of $100,000,000 annually - it just does not seem right that the church is exempt from certain requirements merely because they are religious, when the burden would clearly be less upon them than the small animal rescue group. If the regulations are going to be imposed, they must be imposed equally, or in a fashion determined by the amount of burden imposed on the non-profit taking into account their revenue, volunteer and/or paid employee base and other resources.

I appreciate you taking the time to read my comments and wish you a wonderful weekend.

Sincerely,

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