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| **To:** | Preston Christie A |
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Attn: Christie A. Preston

Re: Public comment regarding Form 990

I am a former employee of a non-profit community hospital. We employed full-time accountants to collect and report income and disbursements annually on Form 990. It has come to my attention that religious organizations claiming tax exemption under 501(c)(3)and 501(c)(4) are exempt from this filing.

For any organization to receive tax exemption as a non-profit entity, it is essential that the organization provide such information, in the interest of public transparency and accountability.

I urge you to hold all non-profit entities to the same standard for reporting financial information. To grant a filing exemption for religious organizations shields them from accountability, leaves a door open to fraud, and represents a position of government favor towards religion.

Thank you for considering my thoughts on this matter.

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