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Dear Ms. Preston,

I am concerned to learn that the IRS currently singles out churches and religious organizations for privileged treatment by exempting them from the disclosure requirements all of the other 501(c)(3) organizations must comply with. Other organizations lose their exemption if they don't comply. Any group that claims it is religious avoids all public transparency and accountability. As a taxpayer who helps subsidize tax-exempt groups, I think I have a right to know what entities are exempt from taxation and to review general financial disclosures. All non-profits must be treated equally and fairly with no favorites.

Lately I've noticed a church explosion and expansion in Charlotte, North Carolina, and wonder if these profitable enterprises are under scrutiny. They appear to have a huge amount of discretionary income. Are they all legitimate? The privilege of not being taxed must come with some measures of accountability.

Thank you and kind regards,

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