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Dear Christie,

I understand that you are seeking comment on Form 990:

All not-for-profit organizations in the U.S. should be treated equally, without regard to their religious orientation. By singling out churches for privileged treatment by exempting them from disclosure requirements, you do a disservice to taxpayers. We both know that very few church-collected dollars reach the needy. Rather these monies are spent for the almost-exclusive benefit of the church members themselves in the form of paying building mortgages, staff salaries, janitorial services, goofy outfits for preachers and the like.

At the very least, there should be an accounting of these expenses, as there is for other not-for-profits that actually help people outside of their memberships. Please change your policy to include all not-for-profits in these disclosure requirements. Exempting churches, which are notorious havens for shysters, is irresponsible.

Sincerely,

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