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IRS,

Hello,

It is very disturbing to me that Churches and other religious organizations can claim tax exempt status with little or no proof and/or little or no oversight by the IRS. **Any group that claims it is religious avoids all public transparency and accountability**.

This kind of situation inevitably leads to abuse and fraud which comes at the tax-payers' expense.

I urge you to stop giving religious groups special treatment over other non-profit groups and start following the long established constitutional provision of separation of church and state.

Thank you,

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