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- The public has a right to know how all 501(c)(3) organizations spend their money through disclosure to the IRS. Such unequal treatment of religious organizations is a clear violation of the first amendment.
- All non-profit organizations should be treated equally, regardless of whether they espouse a religious or non religious position. Currently the IRS singles out churches for privileged treatment by exempting them from the disclosure requirements all other 501(c)(3) organizations must comply with, or lose their exemption. Taxpayers, who are subsidizing tax-exempt groups, have a right to know what entities are exempt from taxation and to review general financial disclosures. The privilege of not being taxed must come with some measures of accountability.
- Please make churches conform to the same IRS requirements as all other 501(c)(3) groups. At a minimum, the IRS should require any organizations that claim to be religious organizations, to file an annual notice with the IRS that they are claiming tax exemption.

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