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To Whom It May Concern:

I encourage the IRS to require equal filing requirements for all non-profits. There are many reasons for this, including:

1) This is an unconstitutional benefit to religious organizations. Not requiring religious organizations to submit the same information as charitable and educational non-profits is government support of religion, and therefor a violation of the First Amendment.

2) Religious organizations are able to take in virtually unlimited donations, and bare no requirement to declare or prove where that money goes. They make the claim that they help communities and should therefor be allowed non-profit status. However, many spend far more on buildings, property, and perks for their leadership than is spent on public works.

3) Religious organizations routinely support specific candidates by encouraging patrons to vote for those candidates during services. I have witnessed this myself in numerous locations in nearly every election cycle. This is an invitation to open campaign contribution laundering operations under the guise of a tax-exempt religious organization. Any non-profit organization that endorses political candidates should immediately lose their tax-exempt status.

Thank you for your consideration,
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