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Dear Ms. Preston:

As an atheist who's also an active American Red Cross volunteer, I'm dismayed by the different reporting requirements for secular and religious charities. Why is the Red Cross—a secular non-profit that provides humanitarian/disaster relief services to anyone who needs them—required to file an annual Form 990, while any organization that claims to be religious in nature is exempt from such transparency and oversight?

I have no quarrel with granting tax exemptions to worthy non-profits whether they are secular or religious in nature. But how am I and other taxpayers to know WHICH religious organizations are worthy of tax exemptions if they're not required to provide the same information as secular charities?

Sincerely yours,

K. D. Burdick