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To: Preston Christie A
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Dear Ms. Preston,

I am writing you in response to your request for public comments on Form 990. I'd like to add two comments regarding Form 990 and the exemption process:

1. All non-profit organizations should be treated equally, regardless of whether they espouse an atheist position, or a 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.
2. Please make churches conform to the same IRS requirements as all other 501(c)(3) groups, or exempt all groups claiming 501(c)(3) status from filing Form 990 in the name of equality, and to comply with the 2nd Amendment which prohibits the government from unduly favoring one religion over another or unduly preferring religion over non-religion, or non-religion over religion.

Regards,

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