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Ms. Preston,

All non-profit organizations should be treated equally, regardless of whether they espouse an atheist position or a religious one. Currently, however, the IRS singles out churches for privileged treatment by exempting them from the disclosure requirements with which all other 501(c)(3) organizations must comply to maintain their tax-exempt status. This favoritism contradicts the principles of separation of church and state that ensures our freedom of and from religion. Moreover, taxpayers, who are subsidizing tax-exempt groups, have a right to know what entities are exempt from taxation and to review general financial disclosures. Please make churches conform to the same IRS requirements as all other 501(c)(3) groups.

Sincerely,

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