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I want the IRS to stop privileging churches at public expense.

<!--[if !supportLists]--> *1)* <!--[endif]--> *Any IRS oversight of 501(c)(3) organizations must be equally enforced against religious organizations.*

2) The IRS should, at the very minimum, require church entities claiming exemption from filing the 990 to inform the IRS through a letter (or via a prescribed form).

<!--[endif]-->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 and scrutiny.

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.

One in five Americans, according to a Pew Research Poll, acknowledges being atheist. I believe that the number is much higher. I think many people asked that question may hedge their bets. As a taxpayer and an atheist, I demand parity from the IRS when overseeing 501(c)(3) organizations regardless of their beliefs.

Thank you for reading and considering my arguments.

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