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Dear Ms. Preston,

As a tax paying citizen of the United States I am appalled by the special treatment churches receive from the government in regards to their not being required to file a form 990 in order to keep their tax exempt status. As a atheist I object to my tax dollars supporting religion of any form and in any fashion.

I believe:

- **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.**
- **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.**

- **This is precisely the type of lack of oversight that allows for widespread abuse, preying upon vulnerable populations, and fraud. It is time to tell the IRS to stop privileging churches at public expense.**

Best regards,

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