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Hello Christie,

Separation of church and state is a major issue amongst all citizens today, and one that is rapidly becoming radicalized by the likes of Ted Cruz, Kim Dawson and others of the Christian denomination feeling threatened by free thought. I am greatly disturbed that I am unconsciously supporting groups through tax dollars, are intent on denying basic constitutional rights to it's citizens, and promoting ideological agendas that are only applicable to some, and hugely alienating to others like myself. As a voting, educated and compassionate atheist I feel a level-playing field regarding non-profit organizations must be exercised and defended by our government. I have included my own opinion, as well as cutting and pasting the below to ensure my concerns are applied to the correct fields.

- 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.

Thank you for your time,

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