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Dear Christie Preston,

I am a physician (Pediatric Radiologist) in Salt Lake City, Utah. My family's volunteerism and charitable contributions are focused on almost entirely on children's advocacy issues, and as such, are almost entirely secular in nature.

Oversight of 501(c)(3) organizations is obviously important function of the IRS, however, if we are to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the 990 information collected by the government, it is obvious that the first step is to *equally enforce Form 990 filing requirements by all 501(c)(3) organizations, including religious organizations*.

I find it disturbing that churches and religious organizations are automatically exempt from submitting this information. Such an exemption amounts to an unfair privilege given to churches, and does so at a cost to the American taxpayer. Seeing that not all taxpayers (myself included) appreciate subsidizing religious organizations, this privilege represents a clear example of governmental favoritism of religion. No matter one's personal religious beliefs (or lack thereof), this is plainly counter to the ideal of separated church and state that is so important in our democracy.

Please end religious organizations' automatic exemptions for filing Form 990 and begin treating ALL non-profit organizations equally.

Respectfully,
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