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To:	Preston Christie A
Subject:	Form 990: Fair treatment for secular and religious not-for-profits alike
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Dear Ms. Preston,

Not-for-profit groups provide valuable services to our communities, but our government should not discriminate between them based on their professing (or eschewing) of belief in the supernatural. It is wrong to exempt US citizens from onerous and time-consuming record-keeping simply because they claim to be affiliated with a 'federally-approved' religion.

Please make churches and belief-based groups conform to the same IRS requirements for all 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. To be truly fair, all 501(c)(3) groups should be required to disclose annual gross income, disbursements and other tax information, as put forth in Form 990.

Sincerely,

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