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Dear Ms. Preston:

The IRS should treat every citizen equally, and every non-profit equally.

But churches are getting preferential treatment, and have no IRS oversight at all. They don't even have to indicate that they're not going to submits the very detailed Form 990, let alone make all the disclosures and provide all the information required by Form 990. In what can only be considered viewpoint discrimination, atheist groups are not exempt from this IRS oversight. That's unwarranted favortism of religion over non-religion. As an atheist taxpayer, I find this very objectionable.

Privileging churches this way also insults all taxpayers. It's taxpayers who subsidize tax-exempt groups, so taxpayers should have the right to know about entities that claim tax exemption. It's only fair that the privilege of not being taxed should be balanced by some accountability.

Please make churches conform to the same IRS rules that govern all other 501(c)(3) organizations.

If the IRS were to require that any group that claims to be a religious organization must file an annual notice stating that they are claiming the exemption from the long form 990, that wouldn't be satisfactory. Churches should be made to provide some basic personnel, staffing and financial information like that requested in the shorter 990 forms. It's often the wealthier churches that commit larger scale abuses; and as such, they deserve more scrutiny than smaller groups. Something must be done to create a more level non-profit playing field and to stop allowing churches to remain wholly unaccountable from oversight.

Best,
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