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Dear Mr. Preston: As an American Citizen, a Vietnam Veteran , and a constituent of Congressman Steve Scalise of District 1 of the State of Louisiana, I am writing this letter to you to comment on Form 990. Churches and other religious organizations in this country observe a non-tax paying status, but I am deeply troubled by the lack of accountability between churches and other non-profit organizations, which amounts, in my opinion, of **favoritism towards religion**.

All non-profit organizations should be treated equally, regardless of whether they espouse a religious or atheistic position. Tax-payers, who subsidize tax-exempt groups have the right to know what entities are exempt from taxation and to review general financial disclosures of those tax-exempt groups. The privilege of **NOT being taxed must also demonstrate accountability** and transparency on the part of those organizations who apply for tax-exempt status.

As a citizen who has paid taxes, please **ensure that ALL church and religious organizations conform to the same I.R.S. requirements as all other 501 (c) (3) groups**. Since I have always believed in the separation of religion and government (from a Southern Baptist background), it is **vital that the I.R.S. fully enforces 501(c)(3) groups who file as churches conform to the same I.R.S requirements as all other 501(c)(3) groups and file an annual notice with the I.R.S. that they are claiming the exemption**.

Thank you for reading this e-mail to you concerning this important comment on Form 990. As a citizen, I appreciate your time and effort in performing your job.

Very truly yours,

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