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- Please end tax exemptions for what are often clearly money making religious businesses that offer no benefits to society at large, often only serve a tiny fraction of people that they deem worthy of helping, while also offering their services for the purpose of evangelizing and not just helping people, and frequently discriminate against the very people that are paying the share of taxes that they are getting an exemption for.
- Please stop privileging religious non-profits by giving them free reign with the money they make. If they are getting a tax exemption, it is a privilege that comes with responsibilities. Help us become a more perfect union by treating religious non-profits to the same standards as all other ones.
- Please act to stop giving tax exemptions to corrupt religious organizations and leaders that prey on vulnerable groups of people and violate the laws by using their religious non-profit for political purposes.
- 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.
- Please make churches conform to the same IRS requirements as all other 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.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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