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Ms. Preston,

It seems completely wrong to require some tax-exempt groups to fill out form 990 and to let others, in particular religious institutions, not have to fill out the forms.

First of all there is nothing in the Constitution granting special treatment to religious institutions. There is freedom of religion, but having to fill out the form and show some of their financial information does not impose on that freedom. Additionally it seems that anyone can set up some kind of religious institution and then claim tax-exempt status. Should we not have some kind of way of knowing if indeed it is a legitimate religious institution, a scam to avoid taxes or even a hate-spewing group hiding behind religion.

Why should someone using a religious organization be treated differently than someone who does not believe in religion? Why is the tax exempt status of a church, synagogue, mosque, ashram, temple or whatever any different than that of the United Way?

At the very least religious institutions should have to make a case for why they should be exempt. And, at best, it seems the constitution would require all tax-exempt organizations to be treated equally.

Thank you for your consideration.

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