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I understand the IRS is seeking comment on the practice of giving churches and similar religious organizations more favorable treatment when applying for exemption.

I believe it is a fundamental principle in the United States, since its inception, to position itself as secular, neither favoring nor discriminating against an organization or person on the basis of one's religious beliefs. Many years ago, when I was a minister, even then I felt it was wrong that churches and pastors such as myself were given favorable tax conditions, thereby forcing other taxpayers to subsidize my/our religious work. I believed then and believe so now (when I am not religious), that this is unconstitutional and un-American. Religious people and organizations must receive the same treatment as those that are not religious, under the law.

Please eliminate special treatment based on religion in this regard.

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