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Hi Ms. Preston,

I am writing to voice my support for better accountability for religious organizations claiming tax exempt status under Section 501(c)(3). As a nonprofit tax attorney who serves a great variety of (secular) exempt orgs I can see zero reason that churches are exempt from the same transparency that other secular exempt nonprofits are required to show. I think that the times have changed and the automatic presumption that all religious organizations deserve tax exemption should be reconsidered. John Oliver's recent show has had me answering a lot of very appropriate questions from taxpayer-friends. Requiring religious organizations to file a 990 is a first step to shining a light on an area that has been abused all too much in recent years. Thank you,

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