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Ms. Preston:

Churches are community-based organizations of like-minded people who contribute to their local communities in many different ways. The same could be said about the VFW, Elks, Moose, youth sports leagues, women's clubs and a virtually endless list of organizations which do not get the breaks that churches get yet contribute at least as much to their respective communities. Choice of religious belief is an individual right to be held in the highest regard, but to give it a position of privilege is something government should never do. It's time to end the special tax breaks for churches and hold them to the same 501(c)(3) standard secular community organizations must to follow.

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