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Dear Ms. Preston,

The U.S Constitution's First Amendment's Establishment Clause disallows the federal government from enacting any laws "respecting an establishment of religion." While Constitutional law interpretation can be applied in various ways, Americans are essentially guaranteed both freedom *of* religion and freedom *from* religion by their government.

Any religious organizations that are automatically exempt from filing IRS Form 990 in the course of maintaining their tax exempt status would clearly have been granted special and favored support directly from the federal government (and then a violation of the banned "respecting an establishment of religion" has occurred).

One way "to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity" of Form 990 would be to eliminate both the form and the tax exemptions for all charitable organizations above a certain funding level. Then require a progressive, incrementally based percentage of taxes levied and use this to directly fund the various needs of the poor and disadvantaged.

In the meantime, I very strongly urge you to unilaterally apply the requirements for Form 990 equally and fairly to all non-profit organizations, including every religious one.

Not paying a portion of income to help maintain society's structures comes with a responsibility, and any worthwhile organization shouldn't have a problem submitting Form 990 if the other ones have to.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter!

Regards,

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