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I have just learned that there is a discontinuity between religious groups and other 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organizations as it relates to the Form 990 filing requirement.

Being a community-minded insurance & financial services professional for many decades, I have been equally involved in both secular non-profits and various religious institutions. With that objective perspective, and as an informed taxpayer supporting all these endeavors, I want to urge you to treat all 501(c)(3) organizations equally.

To protect the integrity of tax-exempt status, and to avoid the extension of our tax subsidies to illegitimate pursuits, the IRS must require the filing of Form 990 by any religious organization claiming tax favors - or, at a minimum, some kind of informing letter, or "short-form 990", to be filed with the IRS, in order to open up more transparency, and to provide the IRS with a tool to be able to open up further investigation or challenges.

There is no reason for discrimination - non-profit is non-profit; tax-exempt is tax-exempt; and all claimants need to justify that favorable status, which all us donor-taxpayers are subsidizing. Thank you for your consideration.