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Dear Ms. Preston:

I recently learned for the first time that the IRS allows religious organizations to claim a Form 990 filing exemption and thereby escape the accountability that is wisely imposed on other 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations.

As the employee of a non-profit organization and the supporter of a number of others, I find this to be unfair and bad public policy.

This is especially true since so many ostensibly non-political religious organizations are currently very active in advocating on controversial social issues and provide explicit political support for candidates for public office.

As a taxpayer I am happy to subsidize tax-exempt groups, but in return for that their tax exemption they should *all* provide full financial disclosure, including churches and other religious organizations, many of which have enormous financial resources.

It's a simple matter of public accountability.

Thank you for your attention.

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