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Please include this public comment to The Internal Revenue Service and Treasury Department about the Form 990, which secular non-profit organizations are required to file each year to retain their tax exemption.
Why does the IRS single out churches for privileged treatment by exempting them from the disclosure requirements all other 501(c)(3) organizations must comply with? Why as a taxpayer, subsidizing tax-exempt “non-profit religious groups”, do I have no a right to review general financial disclosures as is the case for all non-religious groups? Why does our tax code include a religious privilege for tax-exempt status lacking form 990 accountability? This favoritism of our government towards religion over non-religion goes against our secular constitution forbidding (tax) law resulting in an establishment of religion—a bias towards religion.
For over 45 taxpaying years I have been force by my government to donate to religion against my will though tax deductions and exemptions given to religion, compounded by biased execution and lack of accountability in our tax code favoring religion. A pious organizational claim is no guarantee against corruption. Churches must be made to conform to the same IRS requirements as all other 501(c)(3) groups. The minimum the IRS should require of organizations that claim to be religious organizations, is to comply with all IRS requirements as for non-religious non-profit organizations claiming 501(c)(3) tax exempt status.
Thank you,
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