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STATEMENT

The Church has provided initial information in response to the Senator's request and its representatives expect to have further dialogue with the Senator's office about additional information that pertains to the other requests that were not answered by the Church's initial response.

It is important to remember that the Church is a church and as such is entitled to the protection of the First Amendment, which is not applicable to other non-religious tax-exempt organizations.

The Church supports the Senate Finance Committee's role in overseeing the administration of the revenue laws of the United States. The Church is committed to complying with the requests of those governmental entities lawfully entitled to receive what they seek to obtain from us.

At the same time, it is equally committed to preserving and protecting the constitutional rights of the church, its ministry, and its members.

We trust the Committee will dispassionately consider the facts and our circumstances while preserving the Church's right to freely exercise its religious beliefs without being abused.

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