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To: Dean Zerbe

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Mr. Zerbe,

I applaud you and the Senate Finance Committee for your work in assuring integrity in the non-profit arena and I only hope the upcoming hearings will include looking into abuses in the religious non-profit universe. I serve as President of Trinity Foundation, an organization that has investigated the abuses in this area for almost 20 years and we have found they are widespread and massive.

As an example of the exploitation, attached are the cover letter and brief on Benny Hinn Ministries that we submitted to the IRS on March 25, 2005. As you will see in the attachments, Benny Hinn's organization has annual gross revenues of approximately \$150,000,000 per year from his "partners". The Appendix and 35 Exhibits which prove the allegations in the Brief can be e-mailed to you at any time.

He lives in a \$10,000,000 parsonage overlooking the Pacific Ocean in Dana Point, California. He is flown around the world in his own jet. Mr. Hinn and his family receive over \$2,000,000 in annual compensation. He stays in hotel suites costing up to \$10,800 per night. He and his family use the ministry as a piggy bank for their personal expenses. He lives the life of a billionaire all from donors who receive tax credit for their donations. His revolving Board of Directors provide no oversight.

Benny Hinn is only one example. We have investigative files on over 300 ministries. If I can be of help to you in any way, please do not hesitate to call. By the way, the December 6, 2004 issue of The New Yorker Magazine featured our organization if you want some background information on us: <http://www.trinityfi.org/press/newyorker.html>.

Our hope is that we can assist in lessening these blemishes on the truly honorable religious non-profit world.

Thanks for your time,

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