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Mary A. Epps
Internal Revenue Service
Exempt Organizations Examination Office
1100 Commerce St
MC 4910 DAL
Dallas TX 75242

Re: Illegal politicking by church

Dear Ms. Epps:

I am writing on behalf of the Freedom From Religion Foundation (“FFRF”) to report potential illegal political campaigning that occurred at Solid Rock Church, South Campus, 3946 Hopper Hill Rd., Cincinnati, OH 45255.

We are informed that the church hosted an “Evangelicals for Trump” rally, which was promoted on the church’s Facebook page. Please see the enclosed screenshot.

IRS regulations specify that 501(c)(3) organizations, which include religious organizations and non-profits, are prohibited from “[participating in or intervening in] . . . any political campaign on behalf of (or in opposition to) any candidate for public office.” Rev. Rul. 2007-41, 2007-25 I.R.B. (June 28, 2007). In this instance, Solid Rock Church inappropriately used its 501(c)(3) status to intervene in a political campaign. The church violated IRS regulations by hosting and promoting an event in support of a campaigning candidate.

FFRF respectfully requests that the IRS commence an immediate investigation to determine whether Solid Rock Church violated IRS regulations prohibiting a 501(c)(3) from intervening in a political campaign. The IRS should take appropriate action to remedy any violations that occurred or which continue to occur.

Thank you in advance for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Madeline Ziegler
Staff Attorney
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Join Evangelicals for Trump this Friday for a night of Praise, Prayer & Patriotism at Solid Rock South. Register at the link below. Doors open at 6pm. .

<https://www.donaldjtrump.com/.../evangelicals-for-trump-event...>

TEXT STAND TO 88022

JOIN EVANGELICALS FOR TRUMP

WITH BISHOP HARRY JACKSON, DR. ROD PARSLEY,
AND PASTOR PAULA WHITE IN CINCINNATI, OHIO!

