HARD DON'T, SOFT DON'T: Activity-Based Issues and Pressure Points

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INTRODUCTIONS

WHO'S YOUR BOSS?

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- The activities of an exempt organization may be considered to be constrained by (among others) four "bosses" –
- The IRS, enforcing federal tax law
- State regulators, enforcing state laws, internal governing documents and policies and procedures
- Required reporting and formal disclosure regimes
- Public scrutiny and reputational considerations

🛓 The IRS

- Activities of an exempt organization are constrained by federal tax law, as enforced by the IRS
- Certain activity constraints depend upon the exempt organization's particular exemption
- Certain activity constraints depend upon the participants in the activity

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