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## **Comments Received:**

This proposed change to the U.S. passport renewal application is discriminatory, regressive, and creates unnecessary burdens for American citizens. By requiring applicants to list only their biological sex at birth, the policy disregards the legal and medical recognition of gender identity, potentially invalidating existing passports that already reflect an individual's gender. This shift will create confusion, increase administrative hurdles, and subject transgender and nonbinary individuals to distress, discrimination, and potential travel complications. Furthermore, the previous policy aligning with international standards ensured both accuracy and respect for individual identity. Reversing this progress serves no legitimate purpose and undermines the fundamental rights and dignity of all passport holders. The Department should reject this change and maintain policies that promote inclusivity, consistency, and respect for all Americans.