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I am commenting against the amendments being made for compliance with the EO "Defending Women from Gender Ideology Extremism and Restoring Biological Truth to the Federal Government," which is based on faulty science and is wholly unconstitutional in its veiled attempts to strong arm citizens into compliance with a Christian worldview. Scientific consensus defines sex in humans as a biological construct that relies on a combination of chromosomes, hormonal balances, and the resulting expression of gonads, external genitalia and secondary sex characteristics. There is variation in all these biological attributes that make up sex. Accordingly, sex (and gendered expression) is not a binary trait. While some aspects of sex are bimodal, variation along the continuum of male to female is well documented in humans through hundreds of scientific articles. Such variation is observed at both the genetic level and at the individual level (including hormone levels, secondary sexual characteristics, as well as genital morphology). Beyond the incorrect claim that science backs up a simple binary definition of sex, the lived experience of people clearly demonstrates that the genetic composition at conception does not define one's identity. Rather, sex and gender result from the interplay of genetics and environment. Such diversity is a hallmark of biological species, including humans. Passports should accurately reflect a person's gender (not "biological" sex) because it is a more accurate metric to identify people and having a passport that does not match a persons current presentation sets them up for longer verification processes at best and actively endangers their lives at worst.