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## **Comments Received:**

Following Executive Order "Defending Women From Gender Ideology Extremism And Restoring Biological Truth To The Federal Government" is harmful against transgendered, gender-nonconforming, and intersex individuals, and does absolutely nothing to protect women. Not only that, but the Executive Order contains misinformation regarding biological sex and is not based on well-founded research or scientific fact. Using this as a basis for changing passport applications only hurts Americans who have worked very closely with medical professionals to live freely as the gender they are. Denying passports to people who have gender-affirming surgeries and thus are changing their gender marker only sets them up for more harm and violence by authority figures. As a woman, I do not feel protected by this EO; I feel only disgust that our country would spit in the face of real, factual scientific understandings of sex and gender expression to kowtow to a President who willfully spreads misinformation to satisfy the hate of small-minded people.