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In regards to E.O. 14168, instead of changing the word "gender" to the word "sex", simply remove the field entirely. It was not necessary to have sex or gender listed on a passport prior to 1977 and it is not necessary now. The function of the passport is to ensure that the individual presenting the document is the same as the one shown in the document, a task the photograph alone accomplishes fine and other fields such as name and date of birth can reinforce if necessary.

The only thing the proposed change would accomplish is making it more dangerous for transgender, gender-nonconforming, intersex, or any androgynous American citizens when entering ports of entry for other countries. It is at best a waste of taxpayer money and at worst a risk to taxpayers' lives.

Furthermore, the executive order is factually false. It has been proven, scientifically and rigorously, that there are more than two distinct sexes amongst human beings and that no sex is determined at the moment of conception. It would be ridiculous to implement any rule that is predicated upon an easily disproved falsehood.

The policy is arbitrary and capricious, violates the right to travel and right to privacy under the Due Process Clause of the U.S. Constitution, violates the Equal Protection Clause of the U.S. Constitution, and compels speech from transgender, nonbinary, and intersex passport holders in violation of their First Amendment rights.