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## **Comments Received:**

The change of gender markers to sex markers when applying for a new passport is not only an unnecessary form of discrimination against transgender and gender-nonconforming individuals, it is also a violation of the rights and liberties enshrined in the Constitution of the United States. A person's biological sex at birth has no relevance on the purpose of a passport, which is show to proof of citizenship and country of origin when traveling abroad. In fact, unnecessarily changing the correct gender markers to the incorrect biological sex markers will likely result in false accusations of fraud. If transgender woman presents a passport with an M marker, that is no false information included on her passport which may inhibit her right to travel freely as an American citizen. This change does not protect women in any way, and is instead a targeted attack against an extremely vulnerable portion of our population that the government should be helping instead.