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The Department of State absolutely cannot go through with the change to gender markers on passports, particularly to renewed passports that already have X gender markers on them. Requiring that all trans people misgender themselves by having their assigned gender at birth listed on their passport rather than a gender marker that actually applies to them is absolutely vile. It's also very concerning that the Department of State would do this to people who have perfectly legal state documentation that lists their gender as something other than M or F, or as a different gender than the one they were assigned at birth. Our country prides itself on allowing citizens freedom. This is a step backwards. On top of that, it puts anyone who has gone through entirely legal processes to change all of their identification documentation into a bind because now their federal and state documentation can't all match. Why is the federal government overreaching and overriding the legal processes of states?

Quite frankly, it seems a bit silly that we even collect information about people's gender on passports to me at all currently, especially when a passport contains other information that is much better at identifying a person (a photo, physical description, name, and address). Listing sex on a passport is even more ludicrous. Why should anyone looking at my passport need to know what my genitals look like? That's bizarre. But if we must have some kind of gender marker, there is no reason it should be limited to just M and F when states have additional markers available on the identification they provide.