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It is in the best interest of the United States and the safety of it's people to allow an individual to put whatever gender marker best fits them. Nearly everyone who has either transitioned or is in the process of transitioning is doing so because they are changing their style, clothing, and presentation to this new gender. As a document that is used for identifying purposes the document is less useful if the gender is marked as female but has a photo of an individual with lots of facial hair and by anyone's guess is a man. The same is true in reverse as someone with long hair, makeup, and ear rings that looks like a woman should not have a male gender marker. Since a passport is not a record for what was but an identification document for what is, it does not make sense that someone should have to mark it with information that is not a good descriptor of them.