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The point of a passport is the US State Department asking safe passage for a US citizen abroad. That means, among other things, having their identifying information match the way they present. (Otherwise, those people cannot necessarily obtain safe passage!) Some people present as a different gender from what you'd guess based on their external sexual anatomy at birth. Those people need the right to select whatever gender-marker -- or no gender marker -- that matches how they live.

You have to keep the X, and you have to respect what the individual selects; not change it to whatever might be on a birth certificate. Or in other words, keep the rules as they were on 19 January 2025.