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Requiring that passports list sex assigned at birth is likely to lead to confusion for federal agents in crucial positions like TSA, customs, and border security; travel delays because of that confusion; and increased danger of violence toward the individuals whose passports are in question. Confusion about whether the person in front of an agent is the rightful owner of the passport, arising from a mismatch between the sex listed and a person's gender presentation, will cost government time and money, will distract agents from focusing on actual threats, and will add to the stress that reduces employee retention in those jobs. And every time that happens in a public place, the individual will be "outed" to those around them, which exposes them to identity-based violence and other hate crimes. Given the costs and risks associated with this proposed change, it appears that the US government is actually trying to make life more dangerous for trans and other gender nonconforming individuals, rather than protecting the lives and liberty of all American citizens. Moreover, this change would expose the State Department to lawsuits over violations of the 14th Amendment. For the sake of liberty and justice for all Americans, not overburdening the federal employees who keep us all safe, and preserving government efficiency, please reject this proposal