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Comments Received:

The proposed changes to the passport update and replacement process regarding the changing of the 'gender' marker to a 'sex' marker should be disregarded. 'Sex' is widely and scientifically understood to have no binary meaning; it is also useless and intrusive as a means of identifying individuals for legal documentation purposes. Individuals who have already verified their identity in order to obtain a passport have already both thoroughly documented their legal status, and clearly communicate their identity as an individual through the 'gender' marker. A 'sex' marker not only introduces irrelevant and unverifiable identifiers to individuals presenting in public, it is a massive waste of resources due to the obvious inconsistencies it presents when individuals are updating or replacing documentation that would have been verified without issue previously. 'Sex' as a legal marker has already been challenged and dismissed via Zzyym v. Blinken, so this proposed change is not only intrusive, it is redundant.