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The proposal to change the passport application process to include a 'sex' marker is unnecessary and should be refused in lieu of a more applicable 'gender' marker. 'Sex's is not only widely understood from a scientific basis to not be a strict binary, it is also wholly unnecessary information for legally and publicly documenting an individual's identity. Verifying a passport holder's sex is not only wildly impractical and a massive waste of state resources, but reducing it to a binary status also introduces the probability of inconsistencies in identification. The 'sex' marker has also already been legally dismissed via *Zzyym v. Blinken*. It does not aid in legally identifying an individual and introduces intrusive aspects of documentation that should not exist alongside the verifiable identifiable information that individuals already verify through other legal documentation processes.