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Hello,

I believe every American should be allowed to receive a passport. Passports allow us the freedom to travel to other lands, to experience the beauty of the world, and to represent America on a global stage. Americans are a very unique mix of people. We're a country that was founded on immigration, a country that thrives because of its diversity. Our citizens should represent that! America is supposed to be a land where anyone can make something of themselves, regardless of individual characteristics, a land of freedom and opportunity for all. Where someone is judged based on the content of their character, not on anything else. This is why I believe that ALL Americans should be allowed to receive a passport that is accurate to who they are, regardless of what they were "born as", but true to the person they have made themselves today. America is supposed to be a bastion of freedom for the rest of the world to look to, that shining light on the hill that draws in those hungry for freedom and opportunity. Our citizens passports should represent that. Denying a citizen the right to a passport that is accurate to the person they are today shows the rest of the world that the shining light on the hill is fading, flickering, a facade. It is an insult to those of us who bravely gave their lives to defend freedom, be it on the beaches of Normandy, or even on Bunker Hill. America is a land of freedom, and that means being able to be true to yourself, whatever that may mean. Changing your name, your gender identity because you want to and it's your right as an American to express yourself. That's the country I want to live in, that's the country millions of young men and women have given their lives for. That's the country we all deserve.

Thank you.