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This change should not be approved.

- DS-82 already strongly suggests adding your Social Security Number, if you have one. By requiring a Social Security Number on the form used for emergency replacements this change will reduce the ability of State Department personnel to make judgement calls. It may result in Americans caught overseas in a dangerous situation having to wait longer for travel authorization increasing their risk. Additionally it ignores situations where American citizens may not have, or may not know their Social Security Number. We especially should not do this on a form designed for emergencies.
- "Gender at Birth" is not a good identity validation factor. It is not a secret only the bearer knows. It is not something that every person who interacts with a person agrees on. People vary in how strongly they display secondary sex characteristics over their lifetimes. Tall women are commonly mistaken for men at a distance. Men can grow breasts and not be able to grow facial hair. Women can go bald and develop beer bellies. Requiring this information, and particularly requiring it to be binary while requiring individuals to meet a viewer's expectation of secondary sex characteristics, will balloon the man-hours needed to process these forms as it will generate more exceptions that will need to be manually resolved.