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Trans individuals - individuals whose apparent biological sex at birth does not match their sense of themselves as men or women - have existed as long as human beings have existed, and are referenced in texts from antiquities. In the contemporary U.S., many people are already living and engaging within society as the men or women they feel themselves to be and are recognized by others as those men or women, irrespective of their apparent/presumed biological sex at birth. For these individuals, the requirement to note their biological sex assigned at birth on the passport creates conflicting information across the name, photo, and sex categories of information. This conflict can place individuals at risk of harm, limit their travel possibilities, and serves to disrespect their rights to freedom to express their authentic selves. I view the latter as a fundamental freedom for a country that emphasizes liberty and the pursuit of happiness. I do not believe these changes are of a benefit to the American people, and they harm a vulnerable group of people who do not deserve such treatment.