## **Public Comments for ICR 202502-1405-001**

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## **Comments Received:**

A passport trying to track "biological sex at birth" doesn't really make any sense, a passport is a document to identify a person.

Putting something so intentionally misleading on it that doesn't necessarily relate to how a person presents themself will seriously hinder that goal to identify a person.

Furthermore, the executive order causing this change is completely divorced from reality with it's definitions of female and male.

E.O. 14168 tries to claim that you can determine the sex of a human at conception which is just fundamentally not how biology works, for the first several weeks after conception there is no sexual differentiation.

Ignoring all of those problems, intersex people exist where sex is unclear at birth.

According to the UN, estimates range from 0.05% to 1.7% of humans are intersex, and they are often surgically altered at birth based on a guess.

- > These often-irreversible procedures can cause permanent infertility, chronic pain, incontinence, loss of sexual sensation and lifelong mental suffering, including depression. Subjecting intersex infants and children to such medically unnecessary interventions violates their human rights, including their rights to health, physical integrity, to be free from torture and ill-treatment and to live free from harmful practices. Some intersex people also feel that they were forced into sex and gender categories that do not fit them.
- https://www.unfe.org/know-the-facts/challenges-solutions/intersex

These changes being proposed to change the US passport process will reduce the efficacy of passports in describing a person.

These changes are are not founded in facts, common sense, or basic human decency, but instead by bigotry.