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## **Comments Received:**

A passport's primary purpose is to verify identity and citizenship, not to determine sex or gender. The definitions in the executive order linking gametes to passport gender markers do not aid in this process. The president lacks the authority to override medical standards or re-define gender and sex as interchangeable terms. This proposal risks exposing Americans, including cisgender women, to invasive screenings, potential assault, and unnecessary delays at security. Instead of enforcing gender markers, it would be more effective to rely on essential identification details like birthdate, citizenship, and name, as these are sufficient for verification.