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I worry that, by requiring only Male and Female as sex descriptors on passports, the proposed changes will ignore biological realities like the existence of intersex people. I'm sure others have brought this up, but you may want to look into *Zzyym v. Blinkin*, a case brought against the State Department where an American citizen was prevented from legally obtaining a passport because they could not be slotted into the Male or Female sex.

This, of course, impacts all three of the proposed passport changes, though I believe it is uniquely frustrating for those focused on renewals. Making changes to one's passport can be a long and expensive process, requiring a sometimes embarrassing amount of putting oneself on display. For transgender and intersex citizens, the thought of having their sex, whether from birth or modified through medical means, or gender ignored and being forced to change their legal identification can be terrifying. As a trans woman myself, I know I don't want to have to go through that hassle again. As such, I believe that many people will neglect to renew their passports with the belief that they should instead wait four years for these changes to be reversed. I believe many may even start to fear any travel that may require the use of their passport. Neither of these events seem like a positive result of this proposal and I can't seem to see any positive results that could come of this.