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I am a transgender American whose application for a passport renewal with my name and gender marker updated has been put on hold. It's terrifying to have to wonder "will I get my passport?" "will it accurately reflect the way I am perceived?" "will they even send my documents back if they deny it?" "If I succeed, will I be able to use it without issue?" A stroke of the president's pen doesn't change my lived reality, or that of the millions in my community. Denying Americans the right to travel and to identification papers that accurately reflect the person you are looking at because of their gender is discrimination, plain and simple. And last I checked, that's still illegal. The transgender community has done nothing to hurt the state department. Whether you like us or not, we have rights as Americans and human beings no matter who is president. I implore you as a fellow American and fellow human being to stand up to this order and refuse to change the application form.