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Please do not implement the proposed requirement to restrict passports to the sex assigned at birth. Millions of Americans are intersex, meaning that the doctors attending their birth were unable to assign a sex. Millions more Americans are transgender. Forcing them to travel with the incorrectly birth-assigned sex will put their lives in danger when they travel to specific countries.

The proposal to endanger American travellers solely because of their transgender status has nothing to do with “defending women” as claimed. The proposal does not say anything about how this strict (and scientifically inaccurate) restriction would protect anyone.

By punishing trans people for simply existing, the proposed restriction is unconstitutional and likely to involve the Department in expensive lawsuits.

As an alternative, please continue to allow passport renewals for those who have already changed their gender marker with supporting documentation from a physician. Or better yet, remove the sex/gender marker entirely; passports originally did not have them.