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I am concerned with the recent changes made with regard to the executive order claiming to protect women and children from gender ideology extremism. I am a transgender individual who has been going through the process of transition, and I find myself in possession of a passport with my old gender marker. While the executive order would make it seem as though this is correct, I have had nothing but problems. I no longer appear as my birth sex, and, when travelling, I have run into issues with government officials presuming my documents are falsified due to the marker not matching my appearance. Government ID is meant to represent the individual appearing before the government officials in the moment, so having a sex and appearance that do not match is problematic, to say the least. I am not allowed to have a passport with a photo displaying what I looked like upon being born, so it makes little sense to have a gender marker that matches what I looked like upon being born. If identification is to ensure the person standing before an official is the one who the document is representing, then having a gender marker that matches one's current appearance, or even no gender marker at all, would be more prudent. When applying for my passport, it was necessary to provide documents including birth certificate and such that carry with them evidence of my existence in this country, regardless of my medical history, so it seems a touch impractical for the government to insist upon providing me with a document that leads to their own workers having more work to ensure that I am who my document says I am. The passport application and approval process is what should be laborious, not the checking of my body to the passport each time I cross the border. I implore the Department of State to consider that a document is simply a representation of the body in the present, not at birth, and thus refusal to update gender markers to match my current body is simply creating more work for every official who must deal with me and my passport upon crossing the border.