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Requiring a biological sex at birth is not as cut and dry as the current administration would like to have it. Sex is not decided upon at conception. There are more chromosome pairings than just XX and XY. By narrowing the scope and forcing citizens to fit into two boxes that do not fit everyone, it is doing nothing for the safety of women or the nation as a whole. Please consider those that are intersex (for instance, see the Zzyym v. Blinkin case) and those that have gone through operations here and abroad. Please also consider those that may not have external genitalia or internal sexual organs at all, either from birth, emergency surgery, preventative surgery, or elective surgery.

Many of the leading countries in safety, happiness, and economy have all chosen to include a third gender option on their passports. There is no reason for the United States to separate from this other than to fall behind and make things more difficult for its citizens that it should be protecting and uplifting.

It takes far less effort - and costs far less money - to continue to allow the third gender option, the X marker, than remove it. I encourage the administration to consider its actions carefully.