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As a woman, the attacks by the federal government against transgender people do not make me feel safe or defended from some imagined "extremism." Stopping people from presenting themselves the way they want to and being whatever gender they say doesn't help anyone. It's cruel and unnecessary and a complete overreach by the executive. Why shouldn't someone be able to get a passport that aligns with the gender they are now? This makes trans people (both men and women) targets for harassment and violence.

It also isn't based in science. Even if trans people were not part of the conversation, it is an objective fact that many people are born not entirely matching either gender even physically. These people, known as intersex, are estimated to be about 1% of the total population. That is a huge amount of people. What do they do? Are they not allowed to have a passport and travel? Do they just have to pick one of the allowed biological sexes despite it being inaccurate? These laws don't make sense and harm innocent people who are just trying to exist. Please reconsider these changes.