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## **Comments Received:**

Changing the gender marker to "sex" excludes roughly two percent of the American population who have intersex characteristics, which do not fall into the categories described E.O. 14168. This discrepancy not only relies on unscientific categories that were created to advance a partisan agenda, but also conflicts with the additional gender options available in 16 states. Changing the gender marker to sex does not provide clarity for the actual individuals passing the border, as genital and chromosomal inspections cannot be reasonably assumed to be used in verifying a given passenger's sex. The purpose of identification is to verify that the individual is who they claim to be, and forcing a person to choose from two arbitrary biological sex categories as they exhibited the characteristics as an infant does not provide more clarity than the current gendered system. Further, the X gender marker allows people the ability to abstain from sharing gendered information, as a person's appearance shouldn't truly be a factor in their ability to pass in or out of the country, especially for a document that has photo identification. The fiscal cost associated with these changes, both from the federal and state governments as well as those who may be forced to pay out of pocket to update their identification, is unnecessary and frivolous. This change does not improve any current identification process nor does it make our travel safer or more efficient.