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Due to the policies surrounding transgender individuals no longer being able to obtain a passport with their legally changed sex marker, I have had to halt any efforts to update my sex marker on my passport. Changing my name and sex marker is a process that has cost me several hours and several hundred dollars. I have gone along with the process legally, faithfully, and with full honesty, and I am now essentially being told it was all for naught.

One of my siblings lives in a foreign country. I will not be able to visit them any time soon because I am not willing to travel with a passport that displays my assigned birth sex on it when I look like this. It is embarrassing and mentally taxing being in a minority group and being forced to express that to people for no discernible reason. I want to live my life normally, and this is making it harder to do that.