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A passport's purpose is to verify the identity and citizenship of a person, typically at entry of a country or if such needs to be verified. This executive order does more harm than good and doesn't help identify people. If put into place, this proposal will put many Americans, including those assigned female at birth, into a more invasive process. The process could, and will sometimes, result in people being inappropriately touched, possibly assaulted, and slower lines at airports. A transgender man whose gone through hormonal changes, which can result in full facial hair and other masculine appearances, who presents a passport with an F gender marker will raise questions and require extra screening. Women that are not transgender but don't fit societal norms or definitions of what is or isn't feminine may also be subjected to similar issues.

If our executive branch is truly concerned about the use of language surrounding gender, it would be more beneficial to remove the gender marker entirely. Name, date of birth, citizenship, and place of birth is plenty of information to identify a person. A letter that tells people what genitalia you might have, and that may or may not align with how others see that gender, is information that is not needed to verify someone's identity.

Additionally, this process carelessly misaligns itself with states that have already enacted and issued Real ID and have made their own processes for changing gender markers, many of which require physician verification or court orders. It is unneeded to make state officials change these processes, and it is unjust to make transgender people change the gender markers which have been legally put into place.

Lastly, the president holds no power to establish that sex and gender are interchangeable terms. The English language and medical professionals both disprove and disagree with that assessment—and the president is not an English scholar or a medical expert.