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Hello,

I would like to express my frustration on the executive order which changed form DS-82 to only acknowledge sex from birth. I was one of the recipients of a renewed passport which the gender marker presented does not match how I present in my day to day. I understand that this is a controversial issue in our country and I am fine with individuals not accepting that aspect of myself, however, I believe that it is important that our documents accurately reflect the identity which we are seen as on a day-to-day basis. I do not get attributed to my birth sex in my day to day life anymore, and I believe it is harmful for us to not be able to have that option to change the marker, essentially becoming targets for countries which are not as accepting of transgender identities. I do not wish harm on female individuals by invading their space, such as sports events or other competitions, and I don't think many other trans individuals are invested in that either. I believe in practicality of ideals, and while there are troubling components of gender ideology dominating mainstream media, the fact remains that we exist in this country, we contribute to the economy, and we believe in our safety, just as every other American would want for their communities. Please revert the executive order to allow us to have that small layer of protection against people who would rather see us dead.

Thank you,

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