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The proposed change to make people's passports reflect only their gender assigned at birth is deeply hateful, and even if it wasn't it would still be a bad idea. The Executive Order that the Department is complying with exists purely to make the lives of trans people harder; it was written by people who hate trans people and who want evidence that they exist to be scrubbed from society. Making it so that people can no longer identify as who they are on important documents like passports is discriminatory and wrong. Even if this was not the case, limiting the ways in which a person can identify themselves on passports would only lead to confusion and misleading information. It is all to easy to imagine a situation where a person gets into trouble because they appear outwardly to be a man but are forced by the rules to identify as as woman on their passport, leading to them being accused of using a false identity. This change should not happen.