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The abstract of this change includes "The primary purpose of soliciting the information is to establish citizenship, identity, and entitlement to the issuance of a U.S. Passport... et cetera".

While I believe the birth sex should be included on passports pragmatically for security persons to negotiate citizens in a socially comfortable way, it is explicitly NOT a necessary part of identification. There is a decidedly large number of individuals in the US that do not express their gender, specifically their social presentation and thereby their identity, as their birth sex.

Soliciting information in the goals of the abstract would instead include both gender and birth sex, in the event that no gender conforming surgeries have taken place. The States have already assumed the role of appending their birth certificates based on their own criteria, as is their right in their jurisdiction to do so. The Federal Government must comply with the State's jurisdiction, and inevitably they will do so autonomously, without infallible knowledge of the applicant's "God Given" Birth Sex.

To pretend that trans people don't exist is damaging and convoluted. Flagrantly ignoring gender to establish identity is frankly idiotic, and goes against our Freedom of Expression.