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Please allow individuals applying for passport renewals to select the gender of their choice, especially if it has previously been granted. The purpose of the State Department is to represent American interests and to ensure the safety of Americans abroad. By denying or forcing individuals to change their gender markers puts American lives at risk. Many of these individuals have already fully transitioned and having a gender marker that does not match their appearance or other state/city-issued forms of ID risks having them put under scrutiny.