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Changes to passport application and approval processes that deny transgender CITIZENS the right to identify as their gender rather than their sex assigned at birth, are not only discriminatory (see Bostock, 2020) and not based on science (e.g., not all people are clearly male or female, whether based on chromosomes, genitalia, or reproductive capacity), but create potentially life threatening hazards for us when traveling. I've traveled through Uganda, a nation that permits the death penalty for LGBTQ+ individuals. Imagine the blood that will be on the hands of the US Department of State when individuals are detained, harassed, and possibly killed because their passport outed them as trans. The new policy rests not on necessity (in fact it runs counter to common sense) but on hatred. Stop it now.