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## **Comments Received:**

The proposed changes to this process ignore the scientific evidence that show the existence of intersex individuals, as well seem to be targeting a small percentage of the population in the United States who simply would like to have their passport have the correct information. Gender as a proof of identity has never came up, in my personal experience as the picture, name, date of birth, and citizenship have often been more than sufficient.

This proposal is akin to bullying a small, already marginalized community for no other reason than because they do not have the numbers to fight back. As the governor of Utah described in his reasoning for vetoing HB11, "Rarely has so much fear and anger been directed at so few. I don't understand what they are going through or why they feel the way they do. But I want them to live. And all the research shows that even a little acceptance and connection can reduce suicidality significantly."

So I ask the federal government the question, do you want these individuals to live? If so, I ask that you reconsider this proposal.