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## **Comments Received:**

The executive order that has lead to trans people being forced to have their assigned-at-birth sex on their passports - despite birth certificates and other identification cards matching their new, correct sex - has made so many of my friends afraid to travel, both trans and cis. My boyfriend is a trans man with a full beard, indistinguishable from a cis man - it is absurd to group him with women and to force a female sex marker on him when his lived reality is that everyone who sees him immediately treats him as the man he is. Forcing a female sex marker on his identification therefore just opens up the possibility that he will receive harassment or discrimination from anyone who views his passport. This administration's fixation on trans people and policing transgender identities affects cis people too: my cisgender women friends who naturally look more masculine keep getting stopped and questioned too, and discriminated against because people think they might be trans. It is so vital that US citizens keep the ability to update our name and gender markers on US passports. To prevent trans people from doing so is discrimination against them on the basis of sex.