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Good morning, I am leaving a comment to express my concern over the recent proposed changes for gender markings on official documents, such as passports. I know it is an inflammatory topic in the United States right now however, I will try to stick to the basic facts concerning the matter. Whether or not someone believes there are more than two genders or not, factually there are individuals born with multiple sex organs, and or three chromosomes. Those individuals exist regardless of public opinion. They deserve to be represented in official documentation accurately and at their discretion. Additionally, millions of Americans live their lives as a gender that does not match their sex chromosomes. Not allowing them to appropriately check the gender marker they show outwardly. A person with XY chromosomes who has undergone surgery, takes feminizing hormones, and dresses and appears to be a feminine person should not be forced to mark masculine as their gender. Vice versa. That would be an inaccurate representation of that person. Similarly individuals exist outside of that binary spectrum that need accurate official documents as well. Regardless of what individual Americans believe, passport gender markings should be based on the type of people who already exist. Not allowing that distinction is like banning brunette as a hair marker and saying only blondes and black haired people exist. That is not accurate. Thank you for your time