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## **Comments Received:**

I disagree with these proposed changes to the passport application renewals to include biological sex assigned at birth. This change is done in the name of "protecting woman" but as a cisgendered woman it doesn't make me feel safer. It will open up the possibility of additional invasive screenings for people who don't appear like their assigned at birth sex regardless if they identify as the matching gender. A more masculine looking woman may experience more screening and harassment even if she isn't transgendered. It will make travel for Americans more dangerous if their sex on their passport doesn't match their presenting gender especially in some other countries with a more hostile culture around transgendered individuals.

The president also doesn't have the authority to make these changes and there are several states that already have ID laws that allow the gender to match the one the individual identifies as, even including nonbinary genders such as X. This change could make these two IDs mismatch which can further complicate things like I-9s and other cases were government ID is needed to verify identity due to the discrepancy between the two IDs.

Ultimately biological sex isn't necessary to know for identification purposes and only creates more problems than fixes them.