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Hello. I have a lot to say about the change to US passport sex marker M or F only. I was born intersex and am not M or F biologically. I understand that many babies are mutilated at birth to be made into M or F but that is not their biological sex. As you can see, this presents a serious issue for those of us that this applies to along with all of my other transgender and nonbinary friends who do not fit into M or F. It is not true that there are only 2 sexes. That is a made up construct by people who clearly have an agenda to erase us. We have always been here, always will be here and need to have a safe option. When a lot of these changes were being made I was so excited because up to that point every time I went to an airport I was patted down by the TSA because the machine had to choose a gender and the TSA agent didn't know which button to push so every time it would go off in my genital and breast area as not matching some supposed idea of what that gendered body should look like. This happened to breast cancer survivors, folks who were disabled and had surgeries and a whole slew of other people including my 80 year old grandfather at the time. Personally, I would like to see the X gender marker option reinstated it is the closest to my biological sex and I deserve to be able to have an identity document that reflects my sex. However, if that's not an option I feel strongly that removing the sex marker from all documents is the best course of action. Why do we need a sex marker on an ID? What info is this giving anyone? We are all human beings with unique DNA and that is really all we can know about sex. My best friend has been a rugby player her whole life...she's 6 feet tall and is a cis gendered female with XX chromosomes. Most people think she's a trans woman and that she was born a baby boy or that she's a lesbian. None of these things are true. Her body was formed around the sport she grew up playing. Likewise Im a gymnast, I look very much like a gymnast. No one has questioned my sex in gymnastics I'm just a 5 ft tall gymnast that looks like all the others. We don't need sex markers they aren't doing anything for us. If people object to my biological sex then I think the best thing to do is take away all sex markers. Why are men so insistent on having the sex marker in the first place? I think that should be the real question. We should all just be allowed to be seen for the human we are and take the sex determination out of it. My passport and state IDs have an X gender marker as I was understandably excited when I had the right to finally mark my accurate sex on an official ID. Now when I come up for renewal I don't know what will happen? Which will I have to switch to and does that make it more accurate? I have had no issues travelling with the X marker up until now. I've been to 5 other countries no issues. Now I worry my right to even get a passport could be compromised by this change. It's unjust. Please think about who benefits from this and how this affects sex minorities. Thank you.