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The US passport has been the gold standard around the world. We get so much opportunity as an American having a US passport. Per the request: "The U.S. Passport conforms with the standards set by the E.O. and the International Civil Aviation Organization, which among other things determine the various fields on the passport's biographical data page" - I would like to remind that the EO is not a law and that the process for this will actually be a waste of tax dollars and time for a very minimal change . The administration is looking to cut waste. This request is adding to that list. I've traveled to multiple countries and am accepted as an American matching my identity shown on the Passport. I have never been asked to show my genitals to prove I am male, female, or other. This will actually cause more issues to agencies involved with travel. If a biological female appears as a male but shows the F marker, not only are they outed and putting themselves in danger, but I fear that agencies will begin using more power and resources than necessary to confirm that the man in front of them was born female. There are people who are born intersex and identify non binary. You cannot lie on federal documentation. This would put Americans in a tough position for no reason other than to appease the current administration. I would like to remind that this very topic has already been brought to courts before, so why are we going through this again? I will include Zzyym v. Blinkin attached. Additionally, this would cause conflicts with approved state processes shown on realIDs and other official documentation. What then? More work for the agencies to approve travel at the point of inspection? More tax dollars for a process we have already discussed? I believe the best method of identification is by fingerprint and physical features. We may actually save money just doing away with sex/gender marker. I do not want any Americans body examined inappropriately at checkpoints. They are American. ALL Americans should have the same freedoms and right to travel. All Americans have a right to live their lives safely and with dignity. This is placing Americans at Risk - at risk for discrimination, at risk for their safety. It is unfair and cruel to those fellow Americans.