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As someone who legally fits the current administration's definition of "biological woman," I firmly object to several elements of the proposed changes to US passport forms:

1. replacing the term "gender" with "sex." I greatly dislike the idea of defining a characteristic of my personhood with the act of copulation. Such a term is only appropriate in a purely scientific setting and has no place on government forms.
2. Requesting details about how an applicant's biology presented at the time of their birth. In my opinion it's akin to requesting an applicant's hair color at birth. If we aren't expected to change and grow past our infancy, then why do we have to update our passport pictures in the first place?
3. Making any attempts to comply with E.O. 14168, which is not the law of the land and does not accurately reflect a modern scientific understanding of biology in the first place. In addition to many other issues with the text, defining male and female humans by what kinds of reproductive cell they are able to produce upon conception would mean that no man should be legally classified as such until they reach puberty, as that is when sperm first begins to form.

In addition to these specific concerns, I strongly support the rights and existence of intersex, transgender and non-binary people, and believe that any measures taken to erase these people from historical record and/or legal documentation are not done in the service of "defending women" but instead as a form of anti-American, authoritarian control.

Thank you for your time.