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The practical function of a passport is for the verification of citizenship and identity. This function is more than adequately served by listing the legal name, state of residence, and date of birth of the passport holder. The use of a sex and/or gender marker on a passport is completely superfluous and does not serve this function.

In fact, beyond being a purely ideological and wasteful overreach of executive authority, the inclusion of such markers and their restriction to the holder's assigned sex at birth will cause harm. Not only will it expose transgender passport holders to undue additional scrutiny (at taxpayer expense), harassment, and potentially deadly assault, but it will do the same to cisgender women who, in the eyes of a security agent reviewing the document, do not appear "female enough."

Moreover, the entire premise of such markers ignores the biological reality of intersex persons who exist outside of the completely artificial male/female binary, and violates the enjoinemnt in *Zzyym v. Blinken*.