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Hello,

I am a US citizen highly concerned about the Application for a U.S. Passport (form DS-11), namely revisions requiring the applicant's biological sex at birth. I am a transgender man who started my transition around age 13. I've updated all ID forms to a masculine name, have a beard and chest hair, and walk around life being assumed male every day.

Placing a female "F" gender marker on my passport would place me under undue scrutiny and real physical risk when traveling, especially to less trans-friendly countries.

For many trans people like me, there is no going back to our biological sex-at-birth (and we wouldn't want to go back if we could). Forcing us to include such information on our passports puts us at direct risk of assault during travel.

Adding biological sex-at-birth to passports also provides no benefits to outweigh its risk. For people who are not trans, it makes no difference. For people who are trans, it presents a massive risk. Many trans people I know, myself included, have already decided it isn't worth it. In effect, this makes the updates to form DS-11 a defacto travel ban for transgender people.

I understand the current administration hates trans people -- That much is obvious. But it is a massive waste of time and money to change passport applications in this way. If you are concerned about waste, this is a prime example.