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To those who are reading this, I wish to thank you for taking the opportunity to hear and engage with the public at large about these changes and whether to continue forward with these policies.

This comment in particular about whether to comply with executive order 14168, 'Defending Women from Gender Ideology Extremism and Restoring Biological Truth to the Federal Government', is that this order does not comply with any scientific methodology, material or legal reality that will serve the average member of society and therefore will not serve the functions of the State Department.

I can cite the vast majority of scientific studies that have shown that gender is not as simple as a binary option and can show the real harms that are placed upon trans/non-binary people who will be forced to identify as something they are not; The unneeded scrutiny that will be placed upon hundreds of thousands of current respondents will not just waste time and millions of dollars of tax payer money but is part of a larger effort to deny a sense of safety and comfort for those who are often most vulnerable.

I look and sound male, all legal documents will indicate that I am male and if a stranger were to ask if I were male, I would answer 'yes'. This may indicate that I would be safe from any potential harm if the State Department obeys executive order 14168 'Defending Women from Gender Ideology Extremism and Restoring Biological Truth to the Federal Government', but that would be a mistake.

My friends and loved ones face the sheer uncertainty of whether the State Department will deny their existence, to prevent them from having the same rights as all other citizens of the United States and the world at large. Their harm is my harm; the noose that tightens around them is also tightening around me, and the State Department should not be apathetic or even complicit in tightening that noose.

This public comment calls for those within the State Department to refuse to comply with executive order 14168 'Defending Women from Gender Ideology Extremism and Restoring Biological Truth to the Federal Government'; to prevent wasting the time of federal employees and the money of taxpaying citizens and for the State Department to follow through on their mission statement 'To protect and promote U.S. security, prosperity, and democratic values and shape an international environment in which all Americans can thrive'.

Thank you for your time and wish you the best.