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I strongly oppose the proposed changes to passport forms DS-11, DS-82, and DS-5504, which would replace gender with "biological sex at birth" in compliance with the Defending Women from Gender Ideology Extremism and Restoring Biological Truth to the Federal Government executive order. This change is impractical, unnecessary, and does nothing to improve the accuracy or security of identification documents.

Passports and government IDs exist to verify identity as it applies in real-world scenarios—such as travel and security screenings—not to record an individual's medical history. Officials rely on these documents to match a person to their photo, not to validate their assigned sex at birth. Forcing individuals—especially transgender and nonbinary people—to carry passports that do not reflect their lived identity creates unnecessary bureaucratic barriers, increases risks of harassment, and serves no legitimate security purpose.

This policy is a misguided attempt to legislate identity rather than solve an actual problem. It undermines the integrity of government-issued identification and makes travel needlessly difficult for many Americans. I urge the Department of State to reject this change and maintain passport policies that prioritize accuracy, practicality, and the dignity of all citizens.