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Please continue to issue passports with accurate sex designations, not limited to two sexes. Transgender, intersex, and nonbinary people deserve dignity, privacy, and the right to travel, just as all people do. It is biologically incorrect to assert that there are only two sexes. This change to passport rules is unconstitutional and arbitrary and capricious, and fails to comply with requirements to provide notice and comment for changes to government forms. These actions by the State Department violate transgender, intersex, and nonbinary people's rights under the Due Process Clause of the U.S. Constitution by unlawfully restricting their freedom of movement, as well as their rights under the Equal Protection Clause by unjustifiably discriminating against them on the basis of their sex. The policy also violates the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution by requiring people to have a sex designation on their passport that conflicts with their identity and potentially outs them to others. This violates the First Amendment's protection against being required to convey governmental ideological messages they disagree with.