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I oppose the proposed changes to the [Insert DS-11, DS-82, and DS-5504] passport forms, specifically the inclusion of "biological sex at birth" as part of the information collection process. These changes are unnecessary, impractical, and impose undue burdens on both the public and the Department of State.

Collecting "biological sex at birth" is not necessary for the proper functioning of the Department of State. Passports serve as legal ID for international travel, not as a record of personal medical history. The current system, which allows individuals to have their accurate gender marker reflected on their passport, aligns with international best practices and facilitates ease of travel. This proposed change would create unnecessary bureaucratic hurdles without any benefit.

These changes will not enhance the quality, utility, or clarity of the info collected. The purpose of a passport is to verify identity and citizenship, neither is dependent on one's assigned sex at birth. Introducing this additional data point does not improve security, reduce fraud, or provide any enhancement to passport processing. Instead, it creates confusion and unnecessary complications.