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I am writing to express my concern regarding the proposed changes to the U.S. Passport Renewal Application (DS-82), particularly the addition of requesting "biological sex at birth" as part of the application process.

As a transgender woman who has legally changed my gender to female, this proposed change raises significant concerns about privacy, safety, and potential discrimination. My legal documents, including my birth certificate, driver's license, and social security records, all reflect my correct gender. Requiring disclosure of sex assigned at birth is not relevant to the identification purpose of a passport and undermines my legal identity.

This change could result in unnecessary complications and discrimination when traveling, as it introduces conflicting information that could be misinterpreted by authorities or lead to harassment. Additionally, this requirement contradicts existing federal and state laws that recognize and respect the legal gender of transgender individuals.

I urge the Department of State to reconsider this change to ensure that all U.S. citizens, regardless of gender identity, are treated equally and respectfully. The passport should accurately reflect an individual's legal identity, not outdated information that is irrelevant to their current legal status.

Thank you for considering my comments. I hope the Department of State will uphold the dignity and rights of all U.S. citizens by maintaining inclusive and non-discriminatory policies.