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## **Comments Received:**

## \$238 MILLION DOLLARS.

That's the amount of extra funding you're asking the taxpayer to front for your vanity project of changing a single word on your forms? You expect the taxpayer to more than DOUBLE your funding from last year because what, 5 people in this country might self-classify as non-male/non-female?

\$238,000,000 additional tax dollars with the only purpose of excluding 0.0001% of the American population from having a word other than "male" or "female" on their passport. What an absurd misappropriation of funds. Can the Department of State truly not conceive of a single better use for the taxpayer dollar - for 238 MILLION taxpayer dollars?? If someone wants to say they're a woman on their passport application & they have documentation supporting this claim to what end does the Department of State benefit itself or improve the functions of its office by challenging that claim? There have been no reported circumstances in which a passport gender identifier was materially important to any criminal or international incident in relation to its existence on that passport.

I vehemently oppose the gross misapplication of taxpayer funds used to enforce the changes requested by the Department of State regarding this document revision.