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I am writing to oppose the requirement that individuals requesting a name change or passport replacement indicate the passport holder's gender at birth. This information is not necessary (in fact there is no reason to include gender at all, as was standard practice until 1977). It is not accurate in the case of individuals whose gender has changed. Because it's inaccurate, the clarity and quality of the information is compromised and it is apt to create confusion and potentially harassment for people whose appearance doesn't match their gender identification. And it places a tremendous psychological burden on people who no longer identify with the gender assigned to them at birth. I urge that this regulation be dismissed and recommend that gender categories be omitted from passports rather than than inaccurate information be required.