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I believe changing the passport application form to say sex instead of gender will put transgender people and intersex people at risk. I remember when I traveled to another country, I had to present my passport to the hotels and train stations. Transgender and intersex people could be subject to abuse from foreign officials who see that their passport and gender identity don't align, meaning that they could be denied services while traveling, such as medical care, transportation, and lodging.

There can also be problems with the information not lining up on important documents that a person has, such as if they've changed the gender on their drivers license, birth certificate, and social security card. People often need to verify their identity with two of these documents, and if they don't align, it will make life more difficult for them. You often need to present two forms of identification when getting a new job, opening a new bank account, applying for a loan, and other situations that significantly impact your wellbeing and ability to live properly in the United States.