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The Department of State has no legitimate role in enforcing "the biological reality of sex," as stated in E.O. 14168; nor is biological sex at birth in any way necessary to identify someone for purposes of updating a passport that has already been issued.

Requiring an applicant to submit their sex assigned at birth rather than their current gender serves no legitimate purpose; the whole point of the identifying information on a passport is that it is up-do-date so that the passport-holder can be identified as they are \*now\*.

This proposed change would accomplish nothing beyond effectuating arbitrary cruelty toward vulnerable minority groups.

Targeting a vulnerable minority group in this way spits in the face of American values and undermines our country's moral legitimacy around the world. This proposed rule represents a perversion of the US State Department-and a shameful waste of public resources.