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I am writing to express my concern regarding the proposed changes to the U.S. Passport Application (DS-11), 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 the potential for discrimination. My legal documents, including my birth certificate, driver's license, and social security records, all accurately reflect my gender. Requiring disclosure of sex assigned at birth undermines my legal identity and contradicts the purpose of this form, which is to verify identity and citizenship for international travel.

This change introduces unnecessary and irrelevant information that could result in conflicting records, leading to potential issues with identification, travel complications, and even harassment or discrimination. Additionally, this requirement contradicts existing federal and state laws that recognize and respect the legal gender of transgender individuals.

The purpose of a passport is to provide accurate identification for international travel, not to document outdated personal information. Requiring "biological sex at birth" is irrelevant to identification and unnecessarily exposes transgender individuals to risk.

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. A passport should reflect an individual's legal identity, consistent with all other government-issued documentation.

Thank you for considering my comments. I trust that the Department of State will continue to uphold its commitment to equal treatment under the law and respect for personal dignity by maintaining inclusive and non-discriminatory policies.