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I am very troubled about the revisions within DS-11 concerning E.O. 14168, and request that they be reconsidered. The E.O. insists it is protecting women from "gender ideology", when it is in fact pushing its own ideology over scientific fact and entrenched federal law. The idea that sex is assigned at conception is factually incorrect, since zygotes do not become embryos and determine the array of sex chromosomes until weeks after conception. Additionally, sex is not as black-and-white as E.O. 14168 makes it out to be. Intersex conditions occur in 0.2% to 0.5% of newborns. This accounts for 7-17 million people within the U.S. alone. To deny this many people a passport on the basis of an incorrect, ideologically-backed belief is not only morally wrong, but directly violates the enjoinment put on the Department of State by the U.S. District of Colorado in the Zzyym v. Blinken case (formerly Zzyym v. Pompeo, Zzyym v. Tillerson, and Zzyymm v. Kerry). The issues that these revisions seek to fix have already been resolved now for 7 years. Do not let established scientific doctrine and federal law fall to ideological threats.