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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. Moreover, requiring an applicant to submit their sex assigned at birth instead of their current gender serves no legitimate purpose in terms of security or identity verification for a passport—the whole point of the identifying information on a passport is that it is current so that the passport holder can be identified as they are *now*. Any religious claims regarding this are not only irrelevant but also blasphemous under Exodus 20:7 and Deuteronomy 5:11. For all, even the Christian faith asserts three things:

We are all created in G-d's image. G-d doesn't make mistakes. G-d has a plan for each of us.

We are not a Christian nation, as stated in the Treaty of Tripoli in Article 11, but if we are still going to act like one, we should not actively destroy key tenets of that faith or any other for the explicit purpose of oppressing those we disdain.

If the most Holy Blessed Be They has a plan for each individual, interfering with it for a stranger is blasphemy. The messengers of the L-rd are treated as aliens and unwelcome guests to be humiliated by those of Sodom, as described in Genesis 19:9, in violation of Exodus 22:20. Thus, to make America an unwelcoming nation to foreigners, reflecting the very sins of Sodom and Gomorrah, while accomplishing nothing of value other than inflicting arbitrary cruelty toward vulnerable minority groups, degrading the U.S.'s moral legitimacy and further undermining our standing on the world stage as a place that is not safe for targets of human trafficking and sex-based offenses, which are statistically committed by white Christian cisgender heterosexual males more than any other demographic. This proposed rule represents a perversion of the U.S. State Department—and a shameful waste of public resources.

We fought a war against the MAGA ideology—two, in fact: the American Civil War and World War II. The fascist ideology of the South was so distasteful to the Nazis that, while it served as a playbook, even they thought it went too far. After we defeated them, the horrors of an ideology rooted in White Christian supremacy were laid bare for the entire world to see. By embracing this ideology, even to the slightest degree, we are besmirching the things the Greatest Generation fought for and died for. We are committing an affront to all our veterans, and we are choosing an ideology that has consistently been defeated by freedom-loving people everywhere, only to be remembered as evil, blasphemous, and a stain on human history.