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This attempt to roll back history by denying the existence or rights of intersex people, infertile people, and trans people violates the injunction put on the U.S. State Department by the U.S. District Court for the District of Colorado in the case of Zzyym v. Blinken (formerly Zzyym v. Pompeo, Zzyym v. Tillerson, and Zzyym v. Kerry). It will cause hardship for many U.S. citizens -- through damage to their mental health, and in some cases exposing them to a greater threat of physical violence -- and it serves no compelling public need, as transgender people pose no greater criminal risk than cisgender people do. Speaking as one of the women theoretically being "defended" by this order, it makes me feel *less* safe than before, as it tells me the government feels it has the right to pry into the most personal details of an individual's life on the basis of no better reason than fearmongering. Moreover, it paternalistically positions me as someone in need of defending, as I am not a fully capable adult on par with men. If I must be defended, I would rather it take the form of stronger legal sanctions against the many cisgender male rapists out there, who are far more numerous, and pose a much greater threat to me, than a small number of trans men and women who only want to live their lives in peace.