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To whom it may concern,

I would like to argue that the changes proposed to the passport renewal process by Donald Trump's "Defending Women from Gender Ideology Extremism and Restoring Biological Truth to the Federal Government" Executive Order, specifically forcing that an individuals' sex marker on their passport match that of their birth certificate, are unnecessary, unconstitutional, and cruel.

Frankly, there is no practical use for the Department of State policing this aspect of passports; whether a person identifies as male, female, or nonbinary has no basis on their safety to other Americans or their right as a citizen to enter and leave the country. As such, the Department of State should seriously reconsider these changes, and consider the ways in which they severely undermine American citizens' right to privacy and freedom from discrimination. Frankly, no Americans will be made safer by these changes -- it will be quite the opposite. For individuals who have been living for years, even decades, as a sex not listed on their birth certificate, these changes would forcibly reveal this fact to potential bad actors -- something that has resulted in countless deaths for individuals in the transgender community.

I appreciate your time, and hope you will consider the input of myself and other American citizens. I hope you will do the right thing.

All Best,
Anonymous,
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