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I am writing to comment on issues that are of great concern which arise from the revision being proposed/made with this form (DS-5504) as well as other Department of State forms related to Passports, which I will additionally submit my comment to as well.

First and foremost, the revision to this form and associated policy that removes the "X" gender marker selection and that forces applicants to be identified by their "birth sex" completely disregards established scientific and medical precedent and violates constitutional freedoms granted to citizens of the United States which will result in real, tangible harm to American citizens including but not limited to difficulty or inability to access travel documents that they are entitled to, domestic and international discrimination (social and medical), as well as impeding or outright preventing freedom of movement in the United States or abroad.

This revision and those made to other Department of State forms (see OMB Control Numbers 1405-0020 and 1405-0004) directly endanger United States citizens traveling abroad by inviting unnecessary scrutiny and exposing them to potential violence. Beyond that, however, the process with which this revision was proposed and carried out does not meet legal requirements and violates the Paperwork Reduction Act by not providing the proper public comment period. In addition, there is already established precedent that this revision and the above referenced additional revisions to other Passport related forms are not enforceable, as they are in direct violation of the established injunction put on the Department of State by the U.S. District Court for the District of Colorado in the Zzyym v. Blinken case.

To remedy the issues above the Department of State should take action to revert and correct these changes by restoring previous versions of the forms and conducting a full audit.

It is my hope to see that the Department of State will adhere to the Constitution and revert these illegal and discriminatory changes. Thank you for your time.