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Comments Received:

I do not agree with the gender marker changes proposed. The binary format proposed does not account for the estimated 1 in 100 Americans who are intersex- falling into neither the "male" or "female" category. This is to say nothing of the estimated 1.6 million Americans whose gender differs from their sex. This change would not only be extremely hurtful to these millions of Americans, it is also a change that has no real merit in aiding the purpose of a passport, which is identifying citizenship. How exactly does biological sex factor into aiding this purpose? No one "male" or one "female" looks exactly alike, and again, considering intersex and trans individuals especially, it can be impossible to tell what somebody's biological sex is. Thus the change to the gender marker has little true purpose. It is a waste of the government's time and money, and it will actively harm already marginalized communities. I see no benefit to anyone here. For these reasons, I strongly disagree with this proposed change, and I respectfully ask that it be rescinded.