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## **Comments Received:**

The E.O. dictating that all people answer a question about sex assigned at birth imposes unconstitutional and traumatic restrictions upon some American citizens. Such a restriction also runs counter to basic biology. First, some people truly are designated as "intersex" at birth and thus, have no male or female sex assigned to them. This phenomenon is well documented. According to InterAct, an advocacy organization for intersex youth, "about 1.7 percent of the Americans are intersex and don't fit neatly into male and female boxes." Thus, this new E.O. is IMPOSSIBLE for such people to abide by. They will literally have to lie on the form to get a passport. Likewise, people who have Turner Syndrome, Klinefelter Syndrome, or even androgen sensitivity may have chromosomal make-ups--or even internal organs--that don't reflect the sex development in other parts of their bodies. In other words, sexual identity is complicated, and the President's E.O. ignores these facts. The fact as we now know from medical science is that sex is "determined" at birth; it is not "assigned" at birth. As a child matures, their sexuality evolves, and sometimes a person doesn't know what it'll involve until they're adolescents or adults. Finally, of course, this E.O. is intentionally and cruelly discriminatory against transgender and non-binary Americans in wholly unconstitutional ways. Thus, this passport application also will violate the constitution and do irreparable harm to the many Americans the E.O. seeks to oppress and disenfranchise from their rights as American citizens. The form should, therefore, allow people to check "nonbinary" or the gender they identify as.