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The requirement that a person filling out this form "select [a] sex marker option 'M' (male) or 'F' (female) that corresponds with your biological sex at birth" is nonsensical.

The point of a passport is to identify an individual.

'Biological sex at birth' is assigned according to the baby's genitals. When a federal employee is looking at a passport and trying to decide if the identity on the passport matches the person standing in front of them, the employee is not looking at the person's genitals. Instead, the employee is looking at how the person presents themselves.

Many people present themselves as a gender that does not match their genitals - which is their right. Forcing them to mark a sex that does not match the way they present is just going to make it more difficult to match the passport to the person. Any process that requires passport checks will be slower due to this confusion. Customs lines at airports will become unnecessarily clogged.

Therefore, people should be allowed to select the sex/gender that they identify as. Additionally, the marker X should be available for people who present as neither male nor female.