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I am against the proposed revision that would require the sex field on passports to match the sex on an applicant's original birth certificate. This change would be detrimental to our trans and non-binary community members, as they might be perceived differently than their documents indicate. Moreover, since immigration does not conduct genital checks at the border, the sex marker on passports is not a reliable identifier.

Perhaps the best solution to this ongoing debate is to eliminate the need to include such information on passports altogether. I support maintaining the current practice, which allows an "X" in the sex field and permits applicants to list a gender that aligns with their identity. Alternatively, we should consider removing the sex/gender marker from passports entirely.