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United States citizens must be allowed to select M, Y, or X markers in accordance with their identity and their other identification documents. Removal of the X marker is an arbitrary and capricious act, driven by animus against transgender and non-binary persons. This has already been litigated in the Zzyyn v. Blinken decision, which required the State Department to offer X markers. To remove this marker, or to forcibly change sex/gender markers to reflect sex as claimed at birth, is an unconstitutional targeting of a marginalized population, particularly when citizens have previously been able to self-identify for purposes of passport application. Imposing sex as claimed at birth will create unnecessary further litigation, and cause American citizens to endure dangerous persecution when entering or leaving other countries. As the current holder of a U.S. passport with an "X" marker, I insist that my passport continue to match my birth certificate, driver's license, and other government documentation, all of which carries the same "X" designation for me.