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I believe conforming to this will create much more harm than any good that could come of it. Trying to uphold a binary system of gender, sex, and presentation for the purposes of identification is dangerously reductive, to not only transgender individuals, but anyone who does not conform to outdated ideals of sex and biological makeup. On top of any transgender individuals this would bring trouble to people who are born intersex, any woman that could be considered 'not feminine enough' by inconsistent standards, etc. In terms of travel, as much as wrestling the ideas of "birth sex versus gender" would be a moot point for the actual purposes of identification, this would only serve to make the systems we have in place worse for everyone. Having such a system would only help to arouse suspicion for travelling individuals, which would lead to increased screening time and more risk of invasive searches, as well as wasting more time of everyone involved, both working and in line. In all of my life I don't believe I've ever heard anyone with anything good to say about TSA or customs, but I have heard from people I know who had to go through uncomfortable, invasive, and humiliating frisking in order to travel, to the point where hearing about the "TSA grope" another time would be unsurprising to me. For everyone who needs to go through these systems, this could have a much more obvious impact on making the system even less bearable, compared to what little possible use case this could even have for anyone.