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This revision to the DS-11 should not go through.

A revised DS-11 requesting the applicant's "biological sex at birth" to comply with E.O. 14168, "Defending Women from Gender Ideology Extremism and Restoring Biological Truth to the Federal Government," completely fails to recognize the existence of intersex people, individuals who are neither male or female. According to the Cleveland Clinic, an estimated 1 in 100 Americans are intersex, meaning that roughly 3.4 million Americans would be forced to lie on the DS-11, as they are not either male or female.

Furthermore, the workers at the airports validating that person and passport are (correct word) have inherent biases on how "male" and "female" people look, dress, and act, which could call into question the validity of their passport or identity. The only way to prove this would be to then strip search the traveler to determine if they are truly the "sex" on their passport. But how would this actually be determined? What criteria would be used to match a person's body to their "sex?" What exactly will happen if a traveler's "sex" does not match their passport? This would impact everyone at the airport; workers and travelers, and only annoy both parties. Workers would have to perform more work than normal, and travelers will get angry over increased strip searching leading to longer wait times at the airport.