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I oppose the proposed changes to the DS-82 passport forms, specifically the inclusion of "biological sex at birth" as part of the information collection process. These changes are unnecessary, impractical, and impose undue burdens on both the public and the Department of State. TRANSGENDER PEOPLE AND NONBINARY PEOPLE EXIST. This is harmful and will cause people to be KILLED because you are ELIMINATING them from EXISTENCE federally. You are also putting people in DANGER for being ILLEGALLY Patted down at TSA for confirming gender not allowing it to correlated with gender identity and forcing someone to be outed.

Collecting "biological sex at birth" is not necessary for the proper functioning of the Department of State. Passports serve as legal ID for international travel, not as a record of personal medical history. The current system, which allows individuals to have their accurate gender marker reflected on their passport, aligns with international best practices and facilitates ease of travel. This proposed change would create unnecessary bureaucratic hurdles without any benefit.

These changes will not enhance the quality, utility, or clarity of the info collected. The purpose of a passport is to verify identity and citizenship, neither is dependent on one's assigned sex at birth. Introducing this additional data point does not improve security, reduce fraud, or provide any enhancement to passport processing. Instead, it creates confusion and unnecessary complications.