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Comments Received:

The proposed change in Form DS-5504 as a result of E.O. 14168, "Defending Women from Gender Ideology Extremism and Restoring Biological Truth to the Federal Government," is a needless change that would result in confusion for all parties involved in regard to verifying the identity and citizenship of the holder. A holder that has transitioned to a different gender than what their birth gender was, may physically appear to be similar to their newly preferred gender. If then they were now to put their birth gender onto their passports, which does not reflect their current appearance, this would cause significant issues and delays in security as further efforts would need to be placed to confirm their identity and citizenship. This change is unnecessary as the current Form DS-5504 works fine, and would only lead to issues rather than solutions or fixes. It is disappointing that to see such a focus on a needless change that results in nothing other than increased stress for all parties involved and increase budget spending to account for cases where holders need to undergo further investigation to confirm their identity and citizenship.