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Excluding intersex and transgender markers is contrary to biological science, harms people whose gender does not match their birth certificate. As a professor, I have taught and studied gender. As an anthropologist, I know that many cultures recognize more than two genders. By not recognizing these biological facts, the DOS is causing harm to minority persons, including my own family members.

This is an irresponsible, politically motivated policy change which I strongly oppose.