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Hello, I am commenting because I believe this measure would likely be discriminatory towards intersex and transgender people. It is my understanding that the court case of Zzyym v. Blinkin (formerly Zzyym v. Pompeo, Zzyym v. Tillerson & Zzyym v. Kerry) determined that it is a form of discrimination to require an individual to identify themselves as either male or female on a passport. Since it is possible for an intersex individual to have organs associated with producing both the small and large reproductive cells (or not being able to produce either), there does not appear to be any objective way to define them in this categorization. Additionally, this measure discriminates against transgender individuals who live their life as a gender different from that which is on their birth certificate. A difference between the sex they are identified by in public and that which is on their passport encourages harassment and possible risk to their livelihoods when they travel.

For these reasons, I suggest not implementing the changes described in this document to form DS-11 along with similar changes proposed for forms DS-82 and DS-5504.

Thank you.