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## **Comments Received:**

The change from gender markers to sex markers on passports is a regressive, discriminatory, and dangerous action. This change will make passports less effective, and will be the cause of delays in processing innocent people during what should be relatively simple identity checks. Transgender people exist, and have been apparent parts of society throughout the world in numerous cultures and for hundreds of years. Limiting passports to biological sex identifiers will render the sex identifiers M or F meaningless. You could remove them entirely. This is because M or F will in no way reliably disclose the particulars of the individual. I strongly believe that it's not safe in all parts of the world for transgender people to simply exist, and having identifying documents that expose them as transgender places an unnecessary risk on a small demographic, which is why I believe this change will inordinately harm transgender people. I also find the insinuation that this is meant to protect women and children to be confusing, maliciously dishonest, and a thinly veiled facade of an obvious attack at a marginalized community. The negative impacts will be felt beyond the transgender community, and there will be no benefit to society at large. A reckless and fickle change, and I strongly oppose it's implementation.