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The Department of State has no legitimate role in enforcing "the biological reality of sex" as stated in E.O. 14168. Nor is biological sex at birth in any way necessary to identify someone for purposes of updating a passport that has already been issued.

Requiring an applicant to submit their sex assigned at birth rather than their current gender serves no legitimate purpose. The whole point of the identifying information on a passport is that it is up-to-date so that the passport holder can be identified as they are now.

This proposed change would accomplish nothing beyond effectuating arbitrary cruelty toward vulnerable minority groups. Targeting a vulnerable minority group in this way spits in the face of American values and undermines our country's moral legitimacy around the world.

This proposed rule represents a perversion of the U.S. State Department and a shameful waste of public resources.