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Comments Received:

I oppose the changes to Section 3 on this form as proposed. The changes proposed state that they are made in accordance with Executive Order 14168 which states in Sec. 8 (b) "This order shall be implemented consistent with applicable law and subject to the availability of appropriations." The proposed change to this form in the aforementioned section fails to adhere to this requirement of the executive order by virtue of violating Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. This administration has failed to explain why the position of the prior administration is legally untenable and as this executive order does not create any enforceable law, right, or benefit it cannot be reasonably held that a violation of Title VII would not remain, as asserted by the prior administration, if the prior administration's decision is reversed. Moreover, on a personal level, I support individual's right to identify their gender and assert this as part of their identity, the certification of which is the purpose of the document requested by this form. Even the binary terms by which the administration's executive order quotes as immutable biological classification are insufficient to adequately cover the biological spectrum, such as for intersex individuals. The assertion within the executive order that sex provides a meaningful basis for classification likewise is incorrect. No identifiable methodology can correlate visual identification with the two given options in all cases, making the classification no more effective than gender. Even if we presuppose instantaneous on site genetic testing, such a test would fail to correctly evaluate intersex individuals and other means by which genetics diverge from the overly-simplistic binary terms specified.