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As a registered passport agent, the recent alterations to data changes and name changes make my job more difficult and increase the margin of error especially considering a new round of passport training with the previous rules took place in December.

We've already had issues in which an older passport has a typo, an incorrect middle name, or information that is in conflict with the applicant's birth certificate, driver's license, and/or additional documentation. Previously this was a non-issue as the applicant could select the information they'd prefer with corresponding documentation.

The recent changes take more time away from passport agents, from passport centers, and passport applicants. And this bureaucratic overreach costs money. Reverting the changes would be the logical solution to the problems that have arisen as a result of their implementation.