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Comments Received:

I disagree with the proposed content changes pertaining to E.O. 14168. A passport is an identification document, not a medical record. The sex of an individual is irrelevant for this document, as in many cases one could not discern biological sex from appearances. A misleading sex field on a U.S. passport creates unnecessary confusion for U.S. Customs officers, as well as putting U.S. passport holders at risk abroad. As a form of identification, a passport should require information that cannot be verified without breaching an individual's privacy. For example, verifying citizenship is impersonal and completely within the scope of the U.S. passport application. However, sex is a medical characteristic and irrelevant to whether or not an individual can legally hold a U.S. passport. A U.S. passport did not require a gender marker until 1978 to meet international standards, so requiring this information to match a biological condition is arbitrary. The removal of "X" as a gender option goes against a previous federal court decision as well in the case regarding Dana Alix Zzyym. The executive branch is not above the law.