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I am a transgender woman. I am seen as a woman wherever I go without issue. I have undergone voice training to have a female-sounding voice, I have undergone hormonal therapy to grow breasts and redistribute fat, I have a feminine haircut, etc. I am referred to as ma'am by strangers. On the few occasions I tell trusted individuals that I'm transgender, they're shocked.

At one point, I was constantly outed (exposed as being transgender) by my name and the sex marker on my identification. Because of this, I took the steps to legally change my name and sex, updating all documents from birth certificate to social security to driver's license and passport.

These changes allowed my to apply for jobs, buy alcohol, join a gym, by pulled over by a police officer, and cross borders all without having to expose the very intimate medical history of my genitalia. When a clerk, HR professional, border agent, etc. would see a woman (me), then see an "M" on my identification, it would immediately reveal that I am 1) transgender/transsexual 2) either have or have had a penis at some point in my life before surgery. These details are extremely intimate, yet they are exposed to anyone who sees my ID.

For the sake of my safety and privacy, I ask that the sex marker be transgender and transsexual inclusive. Please allow us to have sex markers that match our appearance, and please do not force us to expose intimate medical information whenever we take out ID.

Sincerely,
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