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This proposed change would change the collection of gender to sex, and limit sex to male or female. The purpose of a passport is to verify a person's identity as a citizen, thus it includes identifying information such as height, age, and photograph. Publicly presenting gender is falls into this category. Sex, by which the government presumably means the appearance of one's genitals, is an inappropriate identifying marker because it is not visually apparent. Further, this change would likely illegally discriminate against people who have spent many years on hormone replacement therapy and whose visual appearance is significantly at odds with their birth genitals. For these reasons, I recommend this change be disapproved.