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As a taxpaying citizen, a public school teacher, and a mother of two, the issue of whether transgender people should be able to get a passport with an X marker or with the sex they present as (rather than the one assigned to them at birth) is a non-issue. Of course they should. They are not misrepresenting themselves, nor causing any inconvenience to any person or agency. In fact, it's likely to cause more confusion and delays when someone who is obviously a woman -- like celebrities Janet Mock and Nicole Maines -- have to present a document that doesn't "match" them. Changing this rule now saves no one a bit of money, time, or hassle, nor does it make anyone safer. It seems designed only to harass trans people out of public life and into hiding. My comment is a strong NO on this proposal.