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## **Comments Received:**

People of all genders need the ability to change their gender marker. Mistakes are made at hospitals, at government agencies, and at birth when an intersex person is born and assigned the wrong gender. I have a dear friend who was born with ambiguous gonads and was classified female at birth, but grew up to be more like a man. Of course, I believe transgender people should have the liberty to do with their bodies as they please, and to seek out communities who will respect and embrace them, and to not have their sexual characteristics be used as the basis for discrimination. But I also hope you will see how preventing changing gender markers will harm cisgender people (you might call them "normal" people). If a mistake is made when entering a gender marker, what will it take to correct it? Will you request to view the child's gonads? Will you require sworn statements from the parents? Will it be impossible to change, resulting in full grown men and women whose documents say they are the opposite sex, causing them to suffer the same hatred and discrimination that transgender people often face? I hope that you will find it in your hearts to favor liberty over conservation.