

**Author Full Name :** Luke Thoennes**Received Date :** 02/20/2025 10:53 PM**Comments Received :**

The definition of sex in EO 14168 is simply too vague and too far from the actual science on human anatomy, biology, sex, and gender to be used to develop policy for this country. Furthermore, the changes to documents implied by the order violate the rights of intersex, transgender, and nonbinary Americans that have been guaranteed to us by the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments to the Constitution, and reaffirmed in cases such as *Zzyym v. Blinkin*.

Furthermore, there is no genuine harm being done to the American people by allowing passports to show the gender identity of the holder - including "X" markers used by intersex and nonbinary Americans - rather than the holder's assigned gender at birth. There is also no improvement to the lives of the American people by forcing intersex individuals - who by definition are neither strictly male or female - to choose one or the other, nor by forcing transgender and nonbinary Americans to be identified by their assigned at birth gender. This change in policy only hurts those marginalized groups, in violation of the laws and courts of this country.