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I am writing to express my concerns with the changes being made to the passport renewal and application processes. It is unconstitutional to deprive American citizens the freedom to accurately represent their gender on their passport.

Transgender individuals deserve a life free of discrimination, especially by our government. Though I am not transgender myself, I believe that this change will negatively impact the lives of millions of Americans.

The Declaration of Independence states that all Americans should be able to enjoy the freedoms of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. This change, as small as it may seem to some lawmakers, is in direct contradiction to the wishes of those who built our country.

I firmly believe that transgender Americans should be able to mark their preferred gender on their passports without difficulty or delay. This is why I oppose these changes. The United States represents hope for so many people. I implore Congress to discuss how they can improve the lives of all Americans, particularly those of their transgender constituents.

Thank you for your consideration.