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The primary purpose of a passport is as an identification document. Changing “gender” to “sex” and asking for the sex assigned at birth makes the passport less useful. If a person’s current gender identity and/or sex do not match what was assigned at birth, their appearance is likely to not match what is listed on the passport. This will likely lead to additional scrutiny for people whose current identity and appearance do not match their passport. This creates an undue burden on US citizens, makes the passport less useful as a way to confirm a person’s identity, and does nothing to improve the passport. When I am traveling to another country or returning to the US, border security officers need to know that I am the person pictured in the passport. They have absolutely no need to know the sex I was assigned at birth.