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Changing passport renewal forms to say "sex" instead of "gender" and limiting the response to M or F is not necessary for the proper functions of the State Department and by default makes paperwork less accurate. When traveling, the information on the passport is checked against my appearance to confirm my identity; mentioning specific genitalia would do nothing to enhance the quality, utility, or clarity of the information to be collected. This proposed change adds unnecessary burdens on the government, especially since there is no way to verify an individual's physical sex that is not needlessly invasive.

There is no reason to change the way the application forms already functioned, especially not when the change would result in an increase in inaccurate information. If the purpose of a passport is to verify the identity of a citizen, then it must allow citizens to accurately represent themselves.