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Changing passport 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.

The removal of the "x" option is also concerning because by default, this will create more confusing, inaccurate data, especially since some intersex, and also several types of gender non conforming citizens cannot be sorted into simple M and F categories in a way that complies with these rules.