

Author Full Name : Anonymous**Received Date :** 02/21/2025 03:10 AM**Comments Received :**

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.

With renewal specifically, the removal of the "x" option not only harms transgender citizens, but it also makes traveling much more difficult for intersex citizens who may not be able to be put cleanly in one biological binary category over another. There is no reason why people who already confirmed their identity with the government should not be able to continue to get accurate identifying documents.