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## **Comments Received:**

These changes are a waste of government time and money; even were they not cruel and discriminatory, they are explicitly wasteful, retreading ground from previous court cases such as Zzyym v. Blinken - of which these forms are in violation. They are not useful to government operations, as no indication of sex, be it biological, social, or otherwise, is necessary for indentification in conjunction with all other recorded material; in addition to contradicting legal precedent regarding intersex individuals, it also relies on vague wording in the executive order which can apply to e.g. infertile women who would not even be in supposed violation of said passport changes.

The proposed changes only create difficulties for American citizens who require passports, and only leaves those same citizens open to difficulties when traveling, not only with local enforcement but enforcement abroad. While these changes may target trans individuals, they do not even affect trans individuals alone; this scenario creates additional TSA screenings and searches to many Americans, even those whose passport marker were to match their assigned gender at birth, due to increased suspicion, and further, creates a knock-on effect of substantially slowed travel for all.

In addition, this interpretation of indentification can conflict with Real ID policies on the state level, and also runs counter to the AMA, APA, and other medical organizations and their current understanding of biological sex.