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Comments Received:

Changes to passport application processes should only be made in order to ensure National Security and the safety and identification of American travelers abroad. No evidence has been provided that spending the money to ensure a checked gender box on a passport matches gender on a birth certificate will do either of these things. Especially in cases where a person's current gender presentation does not match that of their birth certificate, this seems most likely to make America and Americans less safe.

Additionally, it seems absurd that the Federal Government should be considered the final arbiter of an individual American's gender. This is a gross overreach of authority and waste of taxpayer money and time.

The only change to passport renewal I will support is the removal of all references to gender, which is irrelevant to an individual's identity as an American Citizen, which is what a passport exists to prove.