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Not allowing transgender individuals to have their expressed gender on passports creates additional risks to national security while providing no benefit whatsoever to the American people.

The only reason that gender is listed on passports at all is to assist in identification of individuals. If a person has changed their gender expression to the point where an ordinary observer would assume they were a different gender, the gender marker on the passport no longer assists in identification. If security personnel routinely encounter people who are clearly presenting one gender while holding passports showing another gender, they will stop using the gender marker to assist with identification, ultimately reducing security.

There is no balancing benefit to the public here.