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## **Comments Received:**

As the Department of State considers changes to the application for a passport, it is absolutely critical that the application remains inclusive of people who are trans, nonbinary, and intersex. Biological sex exists on a spectrum (I.e., people can be male, female, intersex) and the sex characteristics that a person is born with do not always map onto the gender identity of person. It is crucial that the application remain inclusive of these people by allowing the gender listed on the passport to be that of the gender they identify as (i.e., male, female, or another gender identity, often represented as "X"). It would be a chilling precedent to set that the government has the right to pry into a person's private medical history and assign them gender based on the viewpoint of whatever party is in power at the current moment. Moreover, changes restricting the passport application from being inclusive of the intersex community have already been restricted by the courts (i.e., the Zzyym v. Blinken case in Colorado).