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Holding a US passport is one of the greatest honors of being a US citizen. It opens doors throughout the world and enables citizens to travel freely.

To take that honor away from some of our most passionate citizens who contribute meaningfully to the US economy and culture is incorrigible and unheard of. Withholding identity documents of trans people, forcing them to stay in the US and not travel like the rest of the country is cruel and dishonors everything that America stands for. The Department of State must honor US citizenship and stop withholding documents out of fear of retaliation. Identity documents are integral to who we are as people and that honor should extend to us all.