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## **Comments Received:**

I strongly oppose changing the form to conform with gender essentialism rhetoric to remove allowances for X gender markers and for recognition of otherwise legally recognized gender changes in accordance with state law. It is on its face discriminatory on the basis of sex in direct violation of the Equal Protection clause of the US Constitution as well as first amendment freedoms, including the penumbra of privacy rights recognized by federal case and statutory law and constitutionally protected freedoms of movement; it fails to reflect the reality of daily life for many Americans; it overextends federal reach into state rights to determine identification guidelines and procedures; and it is based in biologically flawed information predicated in prejudice rather than fact. Removing the X gender marker and disallowing recognition of otherwise legally recognized gender changes only makes it harder for government agents to use passports for their intended purpose, which is for identification, and makes it easier for bad actors to use the passport system to infiltrate and compromise US security - if border agents are no longer able to rely on the photo ID matching the gender marker, complacency, confusion, and apathy becomes a genuine national security risk.