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Hello,

I am a citizen of the United States (resident of North Carolina) who is concerned regarding the new policy to only present the gender of a person as they were born on passports. This change not only goes against biological principles that show that there is a range of sexes among humans at birth, but that gender is also a self identifying character that helps aid in identification of people, the very reason passports exist.

It is very dangerous policy and will have real negative consequences for people, with no benefits. For example, people traveling out of the country may encounter increased scrutiny or denied medical treatment due to mis-gendering them. Not only that, but even having the designation of "sex" causes confusion and unnecessary scrutiny for many individuals who do not fit into "normal" definitions of sex and gender.

I hope it is clear that this move is not aimed at helping people in any way, but in fact to hurt people and keep them from identifying most accurately.

Sincerely,

Matt