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## **Comments Received:**

Forced usage of "at birth" gender on passports as a form of data correction severely limits or outright removes existential freedoms granted under the United States Constitution to all Americans, with the intent of targeting transgender individuals. It is a form of discrimination intended to further enable and encourage more stigma, prejudice, and bigotry towards these individuals.

As cited in "Transgender Stigma and Health: A Critical Review of Stigma Determinants, Mechanisms, and Interventions" by Hughto et al, from the National Library of Medicine website: "transgender stigma limits opportunities and access to resources in a number of critical domains (e.g., employment, healthcare), persistently affecting the physical and mental health of transgender people," per the abstract. This discrimination that is already prevalent in many ways within the United States will only be exacerbated and worsened by a change to passport information documentation that mandates gender at birth.

(Source: https://pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/articles/PMC4689648/)