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Part of the mission of the State Department in issuing passports is to be as accurate as possible since a passport is a document which has the backing of the state to its validity. The best way to accomplish that is to use the utmost authority on an individuals gender identity and classification: the individual themselves.

Additionally, and more practically, this change, if implemented, will put the forms in violation of the enjoinder put on State by the U.S. District Court for the District of Colorado in the Zzyym v. Blinken case (formerly Zzyym v. Pompeo, Zzyym v. Tillerson, and Zzyym v. Kerry).