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I am writing to express concern about DS-82 requiring US citizens to align their gender marker on their passport with their biological sex at birth. This change has the potential to endanger people while traveling, particularly regarding interactions with foreign officials. Forcibly changing gender markers for citizens who have already undergone transition also creates the potential for mismatched vital documents.

The purpose of a passport is to verify the identity and citizenship of the passport holder. There is no reason to revert a citizen's gender marker to the one assigned to them at birth. A gender marker does not meaningfully contribute towards the purpose of identifying a traveler, and could, in fact, endanger travelers if agents decide to determine if the way travelers present and view themselves matches their bodies.

These changes serve no practical purpose, and are therefore a waste of tax payer money.