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I would like to remind the Department of State that intersex people exist in the world, the same way that people with dwarfism exist. They may be a small percentage of the population, but that doesn't make them not exist. People are born intersex, it is a fact of life. Some people, for example, are born with testicles that remain undescended, and they have external genitalia matching traditional "female" (I.e., labia) yet no uterus. This is reality, not an invented construct or "agenda". Having an option for intersex on Passports is not an evil thing or a "hatred of women" thing. It is simply an accommodation thing, like having lower sinks in bathrooms or stepstools for people with dwarfism. Removing this option from passport applications is wrong because it is discriminatory against real intersex people while claiming to "defend women". The option to mark "female" on the passport application still exists WITHOUT removing the option for intersex people. Please make the conscious choice to be inclusive.