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## **Comments Received:**

I strongly oppose Executive Order 14168 for three key reasons:

- 1. The order is based on a factual inaccuracy. The order seeks to restore "Biological Truth", but goes on to state that there are only two sexes. This is biologically false. If there were only two sexes, the only possible sex chromosome combinations would be XX and XY. However, we know that there are many possible variations on these chromosome patterns (such as XXX, XXY, XYY, and XO, just to name a few). This order attempts to oversimplify a nuanced issue, which will lead to frustration and confusion.
- 2. Because of this confusion, I believe this order will create logistical and security risks. The primary purpose of a Passport is to accurately identify international travelers. This order would require Passports to list information that may be misleading or inaccurate. As a result, law-abiding Americans may be unnecessarily delayed or detained as they travel abroad or reenter the country.
- 3. The ability to forge one's own identity is, in my view, a fundamental natural right. While I am cisgendered, I understand and appreciate that questions regarding sex and gender are not as black and white for all of us. People should be given the flexibility to explore these nuanced topics on their own terms. The existence of trans, intersex, and non-binary people does not have any adverse effects on myself or anyone else.