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As we are asked to "Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the time and cost burden for this proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used."

I must comment here that the assumption used that E.O. 14168 has validity under the law, is contemptuous and dangerous to citizens of this nation. It is a conspicuous attack on the civil liberties of intersex, transgender and nonbinary individuals, and compliance will put our people in danger as they travel abroad. If compliance can not be litigated, omission of gender markers altogether would be preferable in the face of this assault on human rights.

As the Department updated the form to replace the term "gender" with "sex." I beg once again that this field be omitted if, in fact, compliance with an illegal executive order is found to be mandatory.

Rather than enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected, this change degrades all three and opens u.s. citizens to profiling and abuse both at home and abroad.

I find that these changes do not minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond but create onerous and potentially lethal burdens to citizens entitled to equal protections under the law. This change is sexual discrimination at face value, which, though mandated by the executive order, is, in fact, illegal under civil rights law.