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## **Comments Received:**

The proposed changes to comply with E.O. 14168 would cause significant harm to transgender and intersex people living in the United States. These groups include people among my friends and family, who would be unable to accurately describe themselves on their passports. The intent of E.O. 14168 is to cause harm to vulnerable people within the transgender and intersex communities, and by complying with it the Department of State would be complicit in that harm. The idea that sex is immutable, biological, and binary forms the basis for E.O. 14168. That idea is unfounded, as evidenced by the existence of intersex individuals, who do not clearly belong to either binary option and often have medical procedures performed on them after birth to make them belong to one of those binary options. I hope that the Department of State will reconsider these changes.