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Comments Received :

I am writing to request that the Department of State allow individuals to select their own gender and not be forced to use "gender determined at birth" as per President Trump's recent executive order.

This order prevents individuals who are intersex from accurately reporting their gender, and the order falsely claims that there are only 2 genders. For those in the intersex community, this amounts to erasure of their experiences.

Additionally, barriers to name changes disproportionately affect people who are likely to change their names - often women entering into marriage. Barriers to name changes make it harder for people to accurately report, update, and verify their information.