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The policies imposed under the executive order "Defending Women from Gender Ideology Extremism and Restoring Biological Truth to the Federal Government" claim justification from the need to defend women from the threat supposedly posed by gender ideology. As an American woman, I must state in no uncertain terms that these policies do not protect me. Impairing the ability of my friends and family to travel does not protect me. Interfering with passports' purpose as a reliable identifier does not protect me. And placing all Americans under greater scrutiny with regards to their biology and self-presentation does not protect me. I am not transgender, but I know myself to be far safer in a world where transgender people are allowed to live as they wish than in a world where my government refuses to recognize our free choices with regard to self-expression and medical care.