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The government has a mandate to describe, not prescribe the nature of people. People are intersex, trans, and gender nonconforming. Failure to capture this information substantially negatively impacts the ability for the government to function, and has negative consequences on individuals which the government is supposed to serve as well. There is no legitimate way in which the gender changes "protect women"; this would not be subject to any level of scrutiny, much less strict scrutiny.

Keep gender markers.