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I am commenting about changes related to U.S. passport application, renewal, and name modification forms stemming from the "Defending Women from Gender Ideology Extremism and Restoring Biological Truth to the Federal Government" executive order, and requesting the biological sex at birth. I would like to remind the government that biological sex at birth is not binary. Intersex individuals exist, have always existed, and will continue to exist. For many intersex people, neither an M nor an F marker is correct. Any form that requires everyone to use either an M or an F to designate their gender is in violation of the injunction put on State by the U.S. District Court for the District of Colorado in the Zzyym v. Blinken case (formerly Zzyym v. Pompeo, Zzyym v. Tillerson, and Zzyym v. Kerry). Furthermore, the federal government is trying to override the procedures that state governments have already established, many of which already require court orders or physician verification, to issue Real ID-compliant documents. If an individual has already met the requirements of the state in which they live, why should the State Department invalidate that?

For these reasons and many more, the proposed changes to these passport forms should not be permitted to come into effect. Thank you for your consideration.