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Comments Received:

From the abstract, "Consistent with the E.O., the revised DS-11 will request the applicant's biological sex at birth, male "M" or female "F." Amendments to the fields and instructions (section 3) have been made to reflect this."

Response: The binary categorization of sex is 100% false; some people are biologically intersex. It is impossible to create a definition for "male" and "female" that assigns one or the other to every individual. Chromosomal definitions are more than binary. Definitions according to sex organs are incomplete for categorization certain people.

For purely practical purposes, the "M" or "F" designation given to a certain person may not match their outward appearance, putting undue burdens on both that individual and anyone needing to assess their identity. There is no benefit of any kind to this change, and there would be a disadvantage at the very least in terms of efficiency.

In addition, this change is obviously being made only to degrade certain individuals for political purposes. That is resoundingly un-American, and a policy existing only to hurt certain people is reprehensible.