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Comments Received:

I am a US citizen who has both family members and friends who are not currently "male" or "female" by biological sex or gender identity. This proposed change will directly affect the ability of the people I love to obtain, maintain, and use their legal documents while at home or abroad. The proposed change to remove "gender" markers on passports and replace them with "sex," meaning biological sex assigned at birth, will create undue burden on these individuals I care about as well as every American citizen who chooses to obtain and use a passport. Replacing a self determination of gender with a more specific and irrelevant category of data ("sex") will prevent individuals from obtaining these documents. It will further burden agencies who create and use this documentation with the irrelevant and intrusive task of verifying biological sex to no benefit of any American or American governmental agency. I fear this will only be used to place additional scrutiny on individuals who choose to express their presentation in ways protected by the first amendment of the Constitution and limit their rights as citizens of this country. I cannot see any utility to this proposed change besides increasing capricious and selective enforcement of these rules against law-abiding US citizens. This proposed change would infringe on the constitutional of all US citizens, regardless of gender, sex, or presentation of either.