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## **Comments Received:**

Changing the gender field to sex on passport applications is unnecessary and burdensome. It will lead to confusion and will provide less clarity of information. Biological sex is not binary, and this change would not leave space for intersex people to respond on this form. For transgender people who have transitioned, requiring only a sex at birth field would be problematic as they may no longer physically resemble the sex assigned at birth, which could cause further confusion with using the passport as a form of identification. Maintaining the field as "gender" will provide better quality information with better utility and clarity. Additionally, the estimated burden time of over 17,000,0000 is extremely high and will be burdensome for respondents as well as staff that have to manage the change process, when the current form already provides better and more accurate information.