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(( This comment is largely the same as a comment I left on OMB Control Number 1405-0020, ICR Reference Number 202502-1405-003; nearly identical language is used in describing the changes since last renewal, making said comment of mine pertinent here as well. ))

The revision to add "to add an applicant statement, affirming that he or she is not required to register as a sex offender, in accordance with International Megan's Law" is valuable, for the reasons detailed in the link provided immediately after, 34 U.S.C. 21501, ( <https://www.govinfo.gov/link/uscode/34/21501> ); this helps disseminate information about individuals who, demonstrably, can be dangerous to children and others in the area, and thus prevent further harm.

However, replacing the term "gender" with "sex" provides no true additional information---the letters next to this term will not change, they will still be M, F, or in rarer cases, X (see *Zzyym v. Blinkin*, formerly *Zzyym v. Pompeo*, *Zzyym v. Tillerson* & *Zzyym v. Kerry*, [https://legacy.lambdalegal.org/sites/default/files/legal-docs/downloads/zzyym\\_co\\_20180919\\_decision.pdf](https://legacy.lambdalegal.org/sites/default/files/legal-docs/downloads/zzyym_co_20180919_decision.pdf) , also attached below). Though I'm not intimately familiar, I've also heard credible suggestions that this change would be in violation of several legal precedents and/or laws, potentially like the attached decision.

Presumably, this change in terms would be at cost to the government. Given that it doesn't provide new information, it's effectively useless, a waste of resources. This is contrary to the current administration's stated aim of reducing government waste. If we are to assume these changes aren't, in fact, illegal, the issue of their wastefulness remains. I'm confident there are other issues that would be a better use of government time and resources than putting the word "sex" in passports.

Regarding name changes. Though I cannot detect any changes or added impediments to doing so, in the page on [federalregister.gov](https://www.federalregister.gov), I would like to note I am against making changes to one's legal name more difficult, just in case. I am not married, and don't expect to be soon, but I'm aware that it's no small feat to change one's name upon doing so, despite the fact changing one's name upon marriage has been practiced before and since our country's birth. Additionally, my legal first name used to include my father's, though I was never referred to in that way. Despite my deep and continuing respect of my father, I wanted to ensure that even in law I am my own person, possessing my name and my name alone (including my surname, of course), and changed my legal name accordingly. The idea that others might not be able to do the same is aggravating to me.