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Replacing the term "gender" with "sex" on the form is ultimately unhelpful for the identification of individuals. Verifying an individual's "sex at birth" would be difficult, invasive, demeaning, and in some cases, impossible to verify against the individual present. In addition, the reduction of markers listed to male "M" or female "F" discounts and ostracizes a not insignificant number of US citizens who are intersex, ie not easily categorizes within the proposed binary. Forcing such individuals to hold to the proposed markers would either dehumanize their existence, or bar them from obtaining a legal passport that can be verified against their identity.

"Gender" or "gender expression" is the more effective means of verifying identity for an individual, as it will more closely relate to the individual's current presentation and appearance. To reduce unnecessary government expenditure, the language and accepted identifiers should not be changed.