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I am a cis woman who strongly opposes these changes that prohibit trans and nonbinary citizens from having passports that accurately reflect their gender identity. Not only is this an erasure of individuals' lived lives and experiences, it seems manifestly ill-advised from a security standpoint to have identity documents that are misaligned with the lived gender of the person associated with them. Additionally--despite what many misguided non-scientists may believe--"biological sex at birth" is not necessarily binary, nor does it necessarily align with one's "natural" gender presentation post-puberty; there are a number of chromosomal conditions that complicate that dichotomy, and the proposed change would essentially say that people with biologically nonconforming bodies do not exist.

Moreover, if the goal is to reduce paperwork, surely modifying a system that is already in place introduces more complications and therefore work hours, not less.

Please reconsider this cruel and self-defeating proposition.