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Comments Received :

What the current administration is proposing—removing the X identification on passport forms and requiring applicants to choose their biological sex at birth—does not make passports or international travel more secure.

Changing the current gender marker policy would cause confusion—when a transgender woman or man is required to check a box that clearly does not align with how they look to the world—administrative tie-ups, legal proceedings and significant costs.

If our passports are meant to identify us as we are now, removing these gender identifiers will muddle the process. We are always required to submit recent photos with our passports, not baby pictures from years ago. We present as we are now, and for some, that does not align with biological sex at birth.

I urge the DOS to maintain the current gender marker policy. Thank you.