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Comments Received:

I urge lawmakers to reconsider implementing the requirements for people to choose their gender market as either "F" or "M" based on biological sex at birth, as biological sexes are more complex than just "F" or "M," and also transgender and intersex individuals who have undergone hormone treatment and surgical processes can be denied access to the services a passport may grant them due to not appearing as their marked gender. People who have intersex characteristics often have many factors contributing to sex ambiguity, such as ambiguous or multiple genitalia, gonad variation, irregular hormone production, and other markers which would make validating their assigned sex impossible by a passport verifying official. These changes would make international travel difficult or impossible for citizens who are entirely eligible for passports, and therefore should not be implemented as proposed.