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Making it more challenging for transgender and intersex Americans to obtain federal documents is not saving anyone any money. Further, it uselessly and cruelly scapegoats some of our most marginalized fellow citizens; transgender people are only about 1% of the population, so what exactly is the administration's legitimate interest in making their lives more difficult? The current administration wishing they didn't exist doesn't make them cease to exist, and their documentation should reflect who they actually are in order to facilitate accurate identification, just like it does for everyone else. Incidentally, this change could make life difficult for intersex Americans—not the intent of the Executive Order the proposed change is responsive to, I think, but collateral damage worth sounding the alarm about, as science is very clear that there are more than two biological sexes. I am firmly against the proposed changes refusing passports for Americans based on name or gender changes that suggest the applicant might be transgender, as it is discriminatory and wastes time and resources.