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## **Comments Received:**

I hold a Masters in Sexuality Studies from an accredited University. As an expert in the field of gender and sexuality, sex assigned at birth and gender are NOT the same. While gender is real and truly important to many people, it is a social construct and not directly tied with someone's external genitalia visible at birth. Passports should allow lived gender markers and not sex assigned at birth, as this is a real depiction of someone's identity. This is best for the purpose of establishing someone's identity for travel safety and the most just and equitable practice.