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I am objecting to this segment of the change, "Consistent with the E.O., the revised DS-82 will request the applicant's biological sex at birth, male "M" or female "F." Amendments to the fields and instructions (section 3) have been made to reflect this."

I believe passport renewals should not be changed done in this fashion. I believe a better change would be to either keep the freedom for us to update our gender marker for accuracy

It would negatively impact freedom of movement for all regular people because it does not help with the main purpose of a passport. A passport exists to allow U.S. citizens access to international travel, to return to the U.S., and to identify them as citizens.

Changing the gender marker to indicate sex would not help with identification, and for many people would introduce confusion in identifying them. People who aren't that sex anymore and people who just don't look stereotypical, could be subject to additional screenings in order to prove their identities.

This could open them up to harassment or discrimination while travelling or returning to the U.S. The newspaper ProPublica has reported on existing traumatic screening incidents, including the article titled "When Transgender Travelers Walk Into Scanners, Invasive Searches Sometimes Wait on the Other Side", attached as a PDF file to this comment. They found that from "January 2016 through April 2019, found that 5%, or 298 complaints, were related to screening of transgender people, even though they are estimated to make up slightly less than 1% of the population." They sampled people who had experienced humiliation at screenings, and found that very few had ever filed official complaints, so true numbers could be higher.

Changing the passport gender markers would likely increase these instances of discrimination based on appearance. I do not believe it would assist the State Department's job of accurate identification of citizens.