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## **Comments Received:**

I don't entirely understand the need to update DS-5504 to require asking for sex assigned at birth compared to previous versions of DS-5504s. Based on the information available publicly, it appears that this would increase costs sixfold and more than double the time compared to maintaining the existing DS-5504 (which did not require this).

It will also likely create confusion among American citizens traveling abroad for a select group of individuals for whom their sex assigned at birth may not be how they are perceived, either through their own actions or those perceiving them. As I read this change, DS-5504 would also require people who have legally changed their names to also collect additional information that does not appear to be directly relevant to the intent of the DS-5504 (changing your name on your passport).

I would encourage not updating DS-5504 and instead keeping the original version, which would save America time and money while providing more accurate information.