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Hello,

I ask that your department stop their efforts to replace gender markers on U.S passports with markers that designate biological sex. These proposed changes are highly discriminatory to trans people, as it will prevent them from making changes to their passport to reflect their gender identity, make it more difficult for them to travel internationally, and out them whenever they must show their passport. As someone who has both trans friends and trans family members, it's important to me that they are able to accurately update or replace their passports, and don't want to see them excluded from trips due to passport issues. Please keep the gender markers as they currently are, with applicants being able to mark their gender based on their identity instead of their sex assigned at birth.

Thank you for your time.