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I am extremely concerned about the changes that are proposed to comply with EO 14168. The EO includes the term “defending women,” but nothing about demanding a person’s assigned sex at birth protects women. Additionally, changing the language from “gender” to “sex” and only allowing for “male” (assigned at birth) or “female” (assigned at birth) makes these documents less accurate, not more accurate. This will also force “out” many trans people whose gender presentation is different from their sex assigned at birth, and that is very dangerous. The State Department will be responsible for anyone who is physically harmed as a result of this forced outing.

As a woman, I am appalled that policies aimed at making life more difficult for trans people are being pushed under the guise of making me and other women more safe. These policies do no such thing. Trans people have always existed and will always exist. They are not a threat to me or anyone.