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This proposed change should be rejected. It is harmful to transgender Americans, and would likely harm them if they attempt to travel abroad. Transgender Americans should have the right to have their government documents reflect their identity. And even discounting this moral imperative, the practical implication of requiring passport gender markers to conform to "sex at birth" would be that many Americans are forced to travel with a passport that does not reflect the gender they present as. This would result in them being denied entry to other countries for allegedly false documents, and potentially detained, persecuted, or killed as a result of their transgender status being revealed to foreign officials. The net effect would be that transgender Americans would no longer be able to travel abroad, which is both a terrible infringement on their dignity, and likely a violation of the Constitution—the Equal Protection clause at a minimum.