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## **Comments Received:**

Limiting the field for biological sex at birth to 'M' and 'F' forces people who were born with an ambiguous sex due to congenital circumstances in to a legal gray area where they have no option but to perjure. Removing the 'X' option indicating unusual edge cases is a step backwards. Furthermore, modern elective surgical procedures enable people to convincingly present themselves as a sex other than their birth sex, and this is not in violation of the law. For such people, focusing on their birth sex to the exclusion of their contemporary presentation is not helpful to the purpose of the passport, which is to clearly identify the bearer as as a specific person with travel privileges of citizenship. It is not appropriate to use the passport process as a mechanism to exercise an animus against people who present themselves in a fashion which is unusual for their birth sex.