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## **Comments Received:**

As a woman, and as a medical doctor who has provided care to transgender individuals, these proposed changes to the rights of transgender persons to have their gender identity accurately reflected on their passport identification does nothing to protect me or other women, and is a violation of their freedom and their medical wellbeing. I strongly oppose these policy changes and strenuously object to "protecting women" having anything to do with the motivation behind these changes. This policy will not contribute to safety and accuracy in identifying individuals, because their gender marker will not match their appearance and gender expression, and therefore will create more confusion and less safety. This policy is pure scapegoating of a vulnerable minority group that deserves basic respect and freedom as do we all. This policy is un-American.