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There is no basis except for discrimination to remove the ability for transgender or intersex individuals to have a gender marker on their passport that accurately describes their identity. The issuing of a passport provides a tool for identifying a person and matching it to their place of birth and residency, their status to travel, and guarantees their safety as an American passport holder. They have legal documentation of their citizenship and of their gender as applicable to identity - this is the only purpose of the passport and it should be permitted to reflect a person's life and identity accurately. The sex noted on a birth certificate can be wrong and can later be corrected for various medical and personal reasons. The passport application and document itself should and must be reflective of this, as transgender persons having the correct identification causes no harm to anyone else and provides immense security and safety to the transgender person affected.