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I am very concerned around the changes being made to our passport application/renewal processes. All people deserve to be treated with dignity and respect, and to be able to travel safely. For trans people, a passport with a gender marker that does not match their legal documents leaves them vulnerable to additional harassment and being unfairly singled out - whether at TSA or internationally. This will not protect anyone, it will just put trans people in harms way.

Additionally, if we are basing gender off of biological sex or reproductive abilities, it should be acknowledged that intersex and infertile people exist, plain and simple. Gender and sex cannot be so easily boiled down and trying to do so will not increase the safety and well-being of the American people.

Please do not proceed forward with the changes. Allow trans people to apply for renewed passports with gender markers that match their legal documents, and grant them passports that match their legal documents. Thank you.