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The proposed changes to form DS-5504 (changing "gender" to "sex" and requiring applicant to specify their "biological sex" at birth) are deleterious and should be rejected, on the following grounds.

The proposed changes would result in collection of information that is both unnecessary and irrelevant to the proper function of the department. Gender information is the correct information to collect. "Biological sex" at birth is both misleading and potentially out-of-date relative to the applicant's current gender. Also, it is not always possible to accurately determine sex at birth, meaning this change will require some applicants to submit values that don't even identify their actual sex correctly.

The proposed changes reduce the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected by imposing politically- and ideologically-motivated suppression of the most accurate information and mandating scientifically inaccurate interpretations of the data.

The proposed changes are further designed to inflict gratuitous suffering and harassment on certain individuals merely on the grounds that their gender does not conform to primitive and prejudicial norms that are maliciously motivated as well as being outdated and barbaric. What is more, the imposition of these changes is a willful and inexcusable attempt to violate the human, civil, and constitutional rights of transgendered citizens, and as such should not be allowed in a civilized, free society.