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I am writing to oppose the change to passport gender marker policy for the following reasons:

A passport is designed to help identify individuals accurately. In order to serve this purpose, it is crucial that passports reflect current information. Listing an individual's sex at birth - which may not match their current gender or gender presentation - serves only to include outdated, irrelevant, and potentially misleading information.

Further, the change is discriminatory. Transgender individuals whose gender and physical appearance do not match their sex at birth will be substantively harmed by this change, as it will subject them to humiliating scrutiny and make it more difficult for officials to verify their identities, both at home and abroad. Intersex individuals whose sex at birth did not fit neatly into the categories of "male" or "female" will likewise be forced to include inaccurate and misleading information on their passports.

This change will make U.S. passports less clear and less functional. It will make travel and identity verification more difficult for transgender and intersex citizens. It solves no problem, and will in fact create new ones. The change is arbitrary and discriminatory and should be rejected.

Thank you, and I hope you will take these points into consideration.