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Updating passport renewal forms to request irrelevant "assigned sex at birth" data is not only a waste of taxpayer funds and employee time, but poses a direct hazard to Americans living overseas with a legal identity established via their current passport. In some countries (for example China) a change of passport data invalidates any current visa held by its owner. If an American overseas requests a passport renewal and receives a new passport with their "assigned sex at birth" different to the previous one before renewal, it will inhibit the freedom of movement the passport is intended to facilitate, and cause excessive labour for whatever US embassy or consulate workers required to resolve the issue. Receiving an passport inaccurate to one's current appearance will also create danger for Americans living, working or studying in countries hostile to freedom, whether they are transgender, intersex, or simply victims of clerical errors. If a passport is a tool of identification and photos submitted during application must be recent to 6 months, one's gender assignment at birth is irrelevant, and sex/gender information should also be accurate to 6 months.