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The proposed changes to passport gender markers is unfairly discriminatory against trans (including nonbinary and gender non-conforming) people. It increases the risk of violence or discrimination against those people, particularly in foreign countries, by forcing them to have a gender marker that does not match their presentation. It also completely erases the nearly 6 million intersex Americans who do not fit into the incorrect and oversimplified "biological" definition of sex being pushed for political rather than scientific reasons. The changes provide no benefits to the American public but cause significant mental anguish and physical danger for those affected. They are intentionally cruel without any goal in mind. The changes were made without any formal, peer-reviewed study or consulting of biologists or sex and gender experts, and reflect a poor understanding of biological sex. It is embarrassing on a global scale for American policy to reflect such an antiquated and anti-scientific view of sex and gender. The attempted paper genocide of transgender Americans deprives them of proper medical care, mental health resources, housing and other necessities. A gender marker that does not match someone's physical presentation can be misleading to law enforcement, causing confusion or mistaken identity.