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The changes proposed in this document do not make sense from an identification standpoint. In an ideal world, one's identification documents could be updated on a regular basis to ensure said documents are useful for their purpose of identifying the holder.

It is common to find Americans who, for example, hold driver's licenses with photos of them taken several decades ago, diminishing the utility of the license as a form of photo identification. Efforts should be taken to allow identification documents to be updated easily and frequently, but the proposed changes in this document will exacerbate this problem, not solve it.

The changes proposed in this document will not merely result in Americans' passports reflecting characteristics which do not align with their current existence, but will result in passports being issued which reflect characteristics recorded at significantly different points in one's life. Identification documents accurately reflecting someone's existence at a particular point in the past bear some use, as evidenced by their use in successfully finding missing persons, but identification documents containing characteristics captured at a variety of points in time lose much of this utility as they record neither the characteristics of the bearer in the present nor at a particular point in the past.

More appropriate changes would consist of waiving application fees for Americans who wish to renew their passports more frequently than is currently required by law, for the purpose of updating their passport photo and personal information to be as accurate a representation of their current existence as possible. Any references to "sex", construed to represent one's reproductive capabilities, should be replaced with references to "gender" and instructions should not merely allow, but actively encourage, Americans to select the marker which best aligns with their current lived experience within the gender spectrum.

If it is determined that passports must reflect the characteristics of the bearer at their time of birth, instructions must be added to ensure other characteristics recorded on an American passport, such as the height, weight, and hair color of the bearer, are recorded based on the bearer's characteristics at their time of birth, as opposed to the time of their submission of the passport form.