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The current policy of denying gender marker change applications is dangerous and discriminatory. Coupled with executive orders eliminating gender nonconformity or transgender presentation as a protected class, it opens up American citizens to great potential for harassment, discrimination, and physical danger. Women who are forced by this policy to carry passports with an M, and men who are forced to carry passports with an F, will be harassed by TSA agents; detained and questioned by authorities suspecting them of identity fraud; perhaps denied by discriminatory employers or landlords; not to mention the risk of severe legal or physical violence consequences should they seek to travel to a country where being gay or trans is illegal and their US passports out them as being transgender. In short, it creates difficulties and dangers for transgender people that cisgender people do not have to face. It is discriminatory.

Transgender people deserve to be able to have documents which allow them to pass with as little difficulty as possible through everyday circumstances such as passing through TSA inspection, being stopped by the police, applying for a job or for an apartment, and so forth - just as cisgender people do, all the time, without their documents creating a situation in which their identity can be questioned. This dangerous and harmful policy must be reverted to the fair and inclusive policy it was prior to Pres. Trump's discriminatory and hostile executive orders. Thank you.