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The purpose of a passport is to verify the identity and citizenship of its holder at the present time, not to serve as a record of traits its holder had as a newborn. Because of this, a biological sex marker is not an improvement over a gender marker in any way whatsoever; it would be akin to mandating passports use baby photos instead of photos that reflect the holder's current appearance. In fact, the inclusion of a biological sex marker can even be dangerous and detrimental to some Americans; those that do not rigidly match the stereotypical appearances of the indicated sex at birth may be subject to invasive and inappropriate screenings. If this policy is put into place, this judgment will be made by security lines many times a day, putting many Americans—including those assigned female at birth—one officer's poor judgment away from sexual assault. It is extremely difficult for me to see how putting Americans at higher risk of sexual assault will "protect women" in any way.