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As a 40 year old woman (assigned female at birth and still identify as a woman), I find the Executive Order forcing these changes to be unserious, unnecessary, and a waste of government resources. I will not be protected in any way by having government identification documents reflect sex assigned at birth because this policy does not prevent anyone from entering public spaces designated for women. In fact, when sex and gender are questioned in this way, all women are targeted as shown by the implementation of laws requiring people to use the bathroom of their assigned "biological" sex. Biological women have been yelled at and followed by others, sometimes men, who believe they are enforcing safety on behalf of women yet they are harassing the very people they claim to protect.

I am also applying for a passport this year as I expect to travel internationally in the summer. I have heard the time for passports to be processed is already longer than usual. By implementing a new policy in a rushed and haphazard manner, the process will be even more delayed. I fear my application may be questioned because I am a woman. I fear my documents may be investigated for validity solely on the basis of my sex and gender. It would be a waste of time and money. All of this culminates in the likelihood that the Executive Order pushing these changes will be struck down by the courts. In *Zzyym v. Blinken*, the justice system established that intersex Americans do not need to provide identification of their sex assigned at birth. Classifying all humans as either male or female is a denial of biological reality, namely that the interpretation of external genitalia at birth is only a single portion of the biology that create a sex determination, and a form of sex based discrimination. This again will harm the women the President's Executive Order that claims to protect women, as sex based discrimination has historically harmed women.

I urge the Department of State to keep the passport system in place. The system has been working as it is and has not shown problems associated with allowing individuals to use their current legally recognized gender.