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To the Department of State:

As an American who believes in the Constitution, as someone who stands for freedom and the pursuit of happiness, I believe that the new executive orders under Trump are unconstitutional and illegal. These are discriminatory orders that do more harm than good.

Up until the 1970's, we didn't even have gender markers on passports. It wasn't until women had the audacity to start wearing pants that they became "necessary." I believe that it would be better altogether to just remove gender markers. They're being weaponized to target individuals whose gender expression does not match the stereotypical image of what a "man" or "woman" looks like, which means completely different from one person to the next.

Instead of keeping people safe, this is keeping people from returning home to the United States or leaving to go abroad. According to the United Nations, all people have the right to safely travel from one country to another. All people have the right to a home country. We are denying people their basic human rights by obeying these executive orders.

People who are eligible for passport renewal should be able to either use the gender they identify with, or the United States should consider getting rid of these markers altogether. Nothing is gained by forcing people to identify by male or female. We're all American, and that's what matters.