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I am writing to oppose removing the "X" gender option on the passport renewal application and oppose tying passports to individuals' assigned sex at birth. These changes would make no one safer and would instead endanger an already at-risk minority, while making it more difficult for them to travel or do anything else that requires photo identification. US citizens have a right to change their name and personal presentation, and it is only reasonable that their documents should be updated to accord with these changes. For someone who has changed their name and gender presentation, putting their assigned sex at birth on their passport is publishing medical information that no one checking their passport needs to know, putting the citizen at risk while accomplishing nothing for national security.