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I strongly oppose the proposed rule that would change the DS-11 form and replace the term "gender" with "sex" as well as request the "applicant's biological sex at birth".

This policy denies the scientific reality that intersex and transgender people exist. Furthermore, this effort is a waste of money and time when the government is stating that they are trying to improve efficiency. American public has not asked for this change and, if implemented, it will not improve the lives of US citizens in any way. On the contrary, it will put the safety of transgender and intersex American while traveling on the line and will cause unnecessary harm by exposing American citizens to invasion of privacy, discrimination and harassment while using their passport to travel internationally.

It is the duty of the US Government to protect all US citizens and this policy is clearly intended to inflict harm.

I urge the administration to reverse this policy and uphold a passport policy that respects the dignity and safety of all US citizens.