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## **Comments Received:**

## 1. These changes are against the law of God.

If you take a moment to look at Creation, you will notice that God has made no simple rules, no laws without exceptions. Biological sex is no different. If you took a basic biology class in college, you would learn about the many different ways God has created biological sex in human beings, including intersex human beings. These changes deny the beautiful complexity of God's Creation. It is hubris to assert we know more about God's Creation than God.

# 2. These changes are against the law of man.

You don't have to like the social and legal reality that biological sex and legal gender are distinct. Regardless of your opinions, that is our reality, and these rule changes don't actually address those broader social and legal forces. As such, these changes are illegal and unconstitutional.

Furthermore, introducing rule changes that are clearly unconstitutional, which will obviously go to a court case and lose, is a waste of my taxpayer dollars.

# 3. These changes compromise national security.

These rules would force intersex and transgender American citizens to have passports whose gender marker does not match their appearance. This would make intersex and transgender American citizens look suspicious when crossing borders, for no reason actually related to national security. Instituting a policy that will predictably create hundreds of thousands of "false positives" will redirect law enforcement resources away from catching people who are actual threats to national security.

#### 4. Why have a gender marker on a passport at all?

As it is clear that the existence of the gender marker on the passport is cause for much time and tax dollar wasting discussion, might I suggest we simply eliminate the gender marker from the passport entirely? What purpose does it serve, except apparently to rile people up?