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Public Comment:

Requiring that a person's sex assigned at birth be written on their passport, rather than their gender identity, is a deeply unfair and discriminatory policy that denies transgender individuals their basic rights of self-expression and dignity. Gender identity is a fundamental aspect of who a person is, and forcing individuals to carry identification that misrepresents their true selves can lead to significant emotional distress, discrimination, and even danger in situations where their gender identity is not respected.

This policy perpetuates harmful stereotypes and reinforces outdated notions of gender that do not reflect the diversity of human experience. It also undermines the progress made toward recognizing and affirming the rights of transgender people. Everyone deserves the right to live authentically and to have their identity respected in all aspects of life, including on official documents like passports.

By denying transgender individuals the ability to have their gender identity reflected on their passports, the government is effectively erasing their existence and invalidating their lived experiences. This is not only unjust but also contrary to the principles of equality and human rights that the United States claims to uphold. It is imperative that policies be updated to respect and affirm the identities of all individuals, ensuring that everyone can live with dignity and freedom.