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## **Comments Received:**

The purpose of a passport is to function as a form of identification and confirmation of citizenship. This is done in a visual manner. Thus, there is no benefit to requiring that the sex listed on one's birth certificate be listed on a passport. The information holds no bearing on visually confirming one's identity matches that listed on the passport. Even with invasive, and likely unlawful, inspection of one's person, such information still could not necessarily be "confirmed".

Instead, enforcing this requirement specifically limits the locations in which the passport holder may be able to travel due to the criminality of perceived mismatches between the passport-listed sex and the presentation of the person in some countries. Additionally, it puts the passport holder in danger every time they need to use their passport to travel or to confirm their citizenship. Passports are considered the simplest way to confirm I-9 eligibility as it confirms both identity and citizenship at once. Enforcing this EO would both endanger citizens of this country and disenfranchise them as it would limit job opportunities.

Finally, the birth listed on one's birth certificate is not only subject to transcription error, but it is entirely based upon visual inspection of an newborn's genitals and the definition of sex as laid out in the EO does not consider the existence of intersex people. It actively denies the biological reality of the human species and is based entirely upon a Christian religious dogma rather than any logical reasoning. There is no benefit to the government or the people of this country to continue to carry out these actions than to threaten the well-being and lives of a vulnerable minority in the population. No one will be safer as no one will be more easily identified via passport and it will only continue to cause chaos and strife.