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If one is applying to correct information on their identification document, why then, would it make any sense to require the apparent birth sex of an individual to be listed when it does not accurately describe the presentation of the holder and would only cause further confusion? One of the purposes of passports is to allow a quick visual confirmation of identity and as such, they require stringent photo requirements involving lighting, orientation, and facial expression to ensure that they are accurate enough to identify the holder. In some cases, there may be absolutely no outward presentation of the originally assumed sex, even under invasive inspection. Indeed, the birth sex could have even been a transcription error during filing or an inaccurate representation of an intersex individual. The fact that humans do not have a binary distribution of sexes should make this point on its own.

As of now, the implementation of the EO has meant that any previously submitted birth certificate with a differing sex identifier than a newer, amended birth certificate (or application lacking a birth certificate all together) will supersede new renewals/applications. So it is therefore possible for someone to have an ID, SSN, and birth certificate under one sex/gender and a passport under another sex. There is no logical reason to enforce such a mismatch on someone.

Additionally, requiring one's birth certificate sex to be listed on one's passport both disenfranchises the citizens of this country as it both limits job opportunities, travel, and puts one of our most vulnerable populations into danger any time a passport is necessary. As passports are considered both an identification and citizenship confirmation document, this is significantly more frequent than just international travel. Passports are often used for I-9/work eligibility confirmation, banking, and housing. Every time some one with an apparently mismatched sex identifier needs to use an inaccurate passport for these purposes, their well-being and life is put in active danger. And it is being done on behalf of the United States Government for not benefit other than to appease Evangelical religious teachings. No one will be any safer for this change, only in more danger and this cannot be considered to be an efficient use of time and money on the part of the State Department.