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I am writing to oppose the requirement that a passport reflect a person's sex assigned at birth. A passport is intended to identify its holder, and an individual's sex assigned at birth does not help visually identify an individual. Should there be a mismatch between the printed sex and the physical presentation of the holder, this could create unnecessary confusion. Passports have never required genetic testing, nor has the sex assigned at birth and thus printed on the birth certificate. Many trans men, trans women, intersex individuals, and those miss-assigned at birth, or with simple errors on their birth document have had their birth certificates amended to reflect their correct gender; again without genetic testing being required or expected.

To suddenly change this policy based on the religious beliefs of few, would be antithetical to the goals and purpose of the passport document, and is discriminatory.

Thank you for your careful consideration of this important matter.