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Regarding the renewal of US passport for eligible individuals:

Please amend the application to reflect the current gender of a person, not the sex or gender assigned at birth. While I understand gender identification is a current and hot topic in many forums, it is a sensitive and personal topic in my home, and many other homes. My son was assigned the gender 'female' at birth, 35 years ago. This child knew at a very early age that he was not comfortable in a female role. As a young adult he began his transition. As a male, he has blossomed, is happy, productive, kind and sensitive and is certainly not a threat in any way. He has gone to great lengths over 10+ years to live comfortably and happily in his male body. To identify as female when he renews his passport would be disingenuous to the person he is, not to mention confusing to those checking his passport when traveling. This person has a full beard and is male in demeanor, presentation and in his soul. Please allow equality for all, including transgender individuals who are simply trying to live authentically, in the process of obtaining or renewing a passport. Being required to step backwards in their progress only adds another hardship to a life that has been lived with difficulty and discomfort until they were able to finally identify as their authentic selves. I am constantly amazed at how happy my son is and how living as a male is his truth and allows him to live as his real self.