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I am currently applying to renew my passport, and although I am someone whose appearance, name, pronouns, and sex conform to social expectations, I think the proposed rule that people have to label themselves as male or female based on sex assigned at birth is ridiculous and should not be implemented. This simply does not make scientific sense as biological sex is not a binary, and there are many people who are born intersex and wouldn't fit neatly into the male and female categories. Beyond that, though, this move would really harm trans and nonbinary people, forcing them to label themselves as something they have left behind. This is especially true for those whose presentation does not match their sex assigned at birth, because it is only confusing for our hard working TSA, customs, and border officials. Looking at someone who appears to be a man in every way, but looking down at their documents and seeing "F" is only going to confuse them and take more time, and I worry this could even result in officials thinking a trans person's ID is fake. I think we need to support people's right to self-identification and make things easier for our border officials by simply blocking this archaic and ridiculous law.