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Comments Received:

I object to the proposed requirement that passport applicants provide their "biological sex at birth." This information is not necessary for the proper functions of the State Department. It would be no more useful than knowing an applicant's hair color at birth. If anything, it's more likely to cause confusion and inaccuracies in identification. Consider, for instance, intersex people born with different chromosomal combinations than XX or XY (examples include XXY, XXX, and X); how would their birth sex be accurately assigned to one of the two category options? And again, how would this information be useful in a practical sense? I hope you will choose not to implement this change to the application process.