

Author Full Name : Sharang Biswas**Received Date :** 02/24/2025 10:52 AM**Comments Received :**

I am extremely concerned about the changes in this collection. The emphasis on “sex” over “gender”, and the requirement to have one’s biological sex at birth is troubling. One of the purposes of a passport is identity verification. How does biological sex help with that?

For instance, there is no way to tell the biological sex at birth for many trans people. Let’s say an extremely feminine trans woman shows up at the airport: border control authorities will be very confused to see an “M” marked on her passport. What are they going to do, perform a strip search right there and violate her rights and dignity?

And what about intersex people? This is a very real, biological phenomenon, where millions of Americans cannot easily be classified at “M” or “F” due to non-normative chromosomal differences. How do we arbitrarily assign a “sex” designation to them?

Again, I am extremely concerned about this change, and how it impacts the rights and dignity of millions of American citizens.