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The changes to the passport application process to comply with EO14168 are both absurd, and dangerous to American citizens. The data collected (assigned sex at birth) is as out of date for travelers as is their birth weight or APGAR score. Forcing transgender individuals, including those whose change is for a personal identity reason or those who were born intersex and chose to undergo selective assignment treatment to disclose the in-the-moment decision of a hospital at the moment of their birth does not support the goal of establishing their identity, nationality, and legality to travel. Further, it will create travel incidents where these American citizens may be harassed, detained, and threatened by foreign agents. This will potentially cause not only personal harm to these American citizens, but also delays, demands on diplomatic personnel, and cost to the reputation and relations of the United States.

This change should be rejected on procedural grounds as outside the scope of the Department of State, and as presenting a risk to American citizens and efforts abroad.