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This change is unnecessary, will cost the taxpayers money in order to implement, and will put the lives and safety of citizens at risk. Approximately 1-2% of people are born intersex--with ambiguous gender markers that do not fit neatly into "male" or "female" binaries. This is the same percent as natural redheads. Forcing people to conform to a strict binary that is not scientifically accurate disregards the reality of a huge swath of the population, and if their passports do not align with other documentation, puts their safety at risk if they travel internationally. I can't imagine telling redheads that they have to select either brown or blonde hair on their passport, and then running the risk of being detained if that choice did not reflect one made for them on different paperwork; statistically, it would be the same if we limit passport language to a false binary. In addition to costing money to implement, this change puts American citizens at risk.

Further, this change puts the safety and well-being of trans people at incredible risk, including several people I hold dear. The gender binary is not scientifically accurate, and to force people into one or the other based on outdated and harmful beliefs is dangerous and cruel. For a nation that prides itself on freedom for all, this suggested change seems to be more interested in restricting personal freedoms than defending them.