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I strongly oppose the recent changes to the U.S. Passport application and other forms under Executive Order 14168, which replace the term "gender" with "sex" and require applicants to declare their "biological sex at birth."

Gender identity is a deeply personal and inherent aspect of an individual's identity, and forcing a binary classification disregards the lived experiences of transgender, nonbinary, and intersex individuals.

These changes will cause unnecessary harm, invalidating the gender identities of countless individuals who have undergone gender-affirming care or identify outside of traditional gender norms. It is a step backward in recognizing human dignity and autonomy. Gender is not just biological sex; it is a fundamental part of who we are, and the federal government should respect and support the right of individuals to self-identify.

I urge the administration to reconsider these harmful amendments, which promote discrimination and ignore the realities of gender diversity.

Thank you for your attention.