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In 2022, the state department issued the following statement, "Starting on April 11, U.S. citizens will be able to select an X as their gender marker on their U.S. passport application, and the option will become available for other forms of documentation next year." The decision to publicly transition and change one's documentation, come out to family, friends, and work is challenging and life-changing. The acceptance of this change in official documentation went a long way in many, myself included, people's decision to publicly change their gender marker on their Identification. The whims of the current administration should not be playing with people's lives like this. The reversal of rights given should not be undertaken lightly. This will cause untold suffering amongst the many U.S. citizens who took their government at their word. Can you undo all the changes in those lives? The hours of hard conversations, the hours of therapy, the many hours of visits to various agencies to change documentation? The 2022 announcement was a promise to the American people that their government accepted their declared gender identity. This is something that shouldn't be up for debate or change every few years. This does nothing other than make Americans feel less safe when traveling, possibly 'outing' them in dangerous situations where they would have been safe traveling before this Executive Order. I have already heard from friends that have been affected trying to renew their passports. This has no benefit and only serves the prejudice of the current executive.