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The purpose of a US passport is to be a form of identification, and for the ability to travel to other countries. Its purpose is not to document the owner's sex at birth. With this proposed change, there are many negative ramifications.

First of all, there are not only two sexes. This is a biological fact. Intersex people exist. What's more, they are often forced into surgery as infants to 'correct' their genitalia, and claiming there are only two sexes increases the likelihood of this violation happening without their consent. They deserve the right to decide what gender marker works best for them, female, male, or X. This is the reason we have the X marker in the first place- the Zzyym v. Blinken case, in which an intersex person was unable to obtain a valid passport.

Secondly, transgender people are put in a considerable amount of danger and discrimination due to not being able to correct their passports. Thanks to modern medicine, an American transgender person has the freedom to have the same hormones, and even the same genitalia as a typical man or woman. To have their gender marker remain their sex at birth only creates problems for both the American citizen and any boarder crossing officials.

Lastly, this proposed change would cost an obscene amount of money for the American taxpayers, without a single benefit or practical purpose. It is downright wasteful. No American is hurt by the options currently provided- this change only harms and discriminates our intersex and transgender population, who are already some of our most vulnerable.

Thank you so much for your time and consideration.