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## **Comments Received:**

I'm writing to OPPOSE the requirement that a passport reflect an applicant's gender assigned at birth and the proposed change from "gender" to "sex". A passport is a personal identification document that does not reflect a person's medical history. The state department should not be able to strip someone of their already updated gender marker. This change is not grounded in science or medicine and is driven by a religious movement, violating the separation of church and state. This change would violate the rights of transgender and intersex American citizens established by the First Amendment's freedom of expression. This change will put the lives of Americans at risk for harassment and violence at the hands of authorities both in the United States and abroad. Transgender Americans deserve the right to self-determination. It would also make it more difficult for Cisgender Americans to correct a mistake on their documents, should it happen (which it has happened before).