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To whom this may concern.

The recent policy changes, resulting from Pres. Trump's executive order, are an infringement on freedom of speech by limiting self-expression without just cause. It's a hazardous precedent directly targeting minority groups, including protected groups like transgender and gender non-conforming people. If this stands the rights for other marginalized identities are also at risk for having invalid documents or rejected applications which restrict freedom of travel they're entitled to. Complying with the policy changes will put many trans people in direct harm while traveling, an already stressful and dangerous ordeal. Being outed increases the chance that people will be targeted for violence and discrimination. Besides the harm to protected groups there is also an additional risk to the general public in that additional bureaucratic hurdles in correcting government documents will lead to cis people also being subject to unwarranted difficulties in amending documents.

Personally I've already experienced a lot of emotional and economic hardship due to my incongruent legal documents and my expressed gender as a trans person. Every job I've ever had and every degree I've achieved requires a tedious and needlessly embarrassing process to update my name and listed sex and or gender. This has complicated my medical care because private insurers bill procedures differently depending on the expected gender of the patient. Any process which requires legal documentation of my person involves risk of gender based violence due to the incongruity between myself and my "legal" sex. Amending these incongruities is now much more difficult and in some cases illegal.

Please take this in consideration and resume processing the Passport documentation of trans people according to their needs and not the politically-motivated bigotry currently underway.