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The EO defining what it means to be a female and male, with the former being "a person belonging, at conception, to the sex that produces the large reproductive cell" and the latter belonging to the sex that "produces a small reproductive cell," is unscientific and confusing. Among other things, there is debate among medical professionals and scientists as to whether genitalia or chromosomes should determine sex, as they do not always align.

The Department of State's role should be to provide citizens with an accurate document that allows for travel without harassment or danger for all individuals. Transgender people have an already established constitutional right to such documents that reflect their lived and current identity. The President and the State Department do not have constitutional authority to tell an individual how to identify, act, or present themselves.

I am a concerned citizen, a family member and a teacher of transgender people who wants fair and lawful treatment for all. Thank you for your consideration.