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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to oppose the change in the passport forms forcing citizens to declare their sex assigned at birth. This is an unnecessary change based on ignorance of intersex people and offers no benefit to the State or the people. This language on a passport may also cause certain individuals great harm in traveling to countries where they may be questioned, discriminated against, or outright abused based on the information they are forced to provide that doesn't match their outward persona.

A US citizen should have the right to declare their gender, and to live their life based on the biology of their bodies as it is not anyone else's business, particularly the governments of other countries. Transgender people are not making an arbitrary choice to switch genders, they are living as their biology dictates. It is proven that atypical levels of sex hormones during fetal development may lead to brain structures that differ from the sex assigned at birth, and hormones that trigger the development of biological sex may not work properly on the brain, reproductive organs, and genitals.

A citizen that has gender dysphoria for whatever reason has a right to declare the gender that matches their particular biology. Please do not make any changes to the passport forms as they exist to simply discriminate against people for something they have no control over.

Sincerely,

A concerned citizen