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Comments Received :

I am a US citizen and Michigan resident. I oppose the changes that would require applicants to list M or F as biological sex at birth and would remove the X passport option.

These changes are not based on science: many intersex people have chromosomal or developmental differences that mean they cannot be classified as male or female, either at birth or afterwards. More generally, sex assigned at birth is not relevant to passport applications made by adults. These questions are intrusive and represent an unnecessary administrative burden. The government should not be inquiring about the state of people's genitals. The X option should remain available to anyone who wishes to preserve their privacy.