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As a parent, I want my child to experience the world with the same freedom, joy, and safety as any other kid. But these proposed changes to DS-82 are stealing that from her. Instead of focusing on school, friendships, and growing up, my daughter has to live with the constant anxiety of government-imposed barriers to her identity. A passport should be a simple document, not a battleground for ideological control over my child's life.

I was a trans child too. I know what it is like to be told you are wrong for simply existing. I grew up with that weight on my shoulders, and I promised myself that if I ever had a child like me, I would protect them. But how can I protect her from a government that is determined to erase her identity? Watching her go through this is unbearable. I had hoped we were past this kind of cruelty, but this policy is pulling us backward.

Beyond my personal pain, this change violates my religious freedom. As a Unitarian Universalist, I believe that my daughter is a whole, worthy, and beautiful person just as she is. My faith calls me to honor and uplift the dignity of every human being. This executive order actively prevents me from raising my child in my religious tradition by forcing her to deny who she is on official documents. This is not just a policy issue; it is an attack on my ability to live my faith.

The Department of State already lost this fight in *Zzyym v. Blinken*. Why are we wasting taxpayer money to push through a policy that has already been ruled unlawful? I urge you: do not take my child's childhood from her. Let her live, travel, and exist in peace.