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## **Comments Received:**

I do understand the distinction between biological sex at birth and gender and why we might want to have one or the other on the passport application. However, for many people, there is an undue social burden from having his/her passport reflect a biological sex that is inconsistent with his/her gender identity. For example, someone with a bushy beard and preferred male gender might legitimately fear detainment, harassment, or violence from presenting a passport with a female sex marker. There are already many people who have passports with gender not corresponding to their biological sex. The data are already inconsistent. Please focus on more important gender-related issues.