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I'm commenting to register my opposition to the proposed changes to passport applications that relate to the so-called "Defending Women from Gender Ideology Extremism and Restoring Biological Truth to the Federal Government" executive order. Requiring people to disclose their sex-assigned-at-birth for their passports will create unnecessary confusion, delay, and risk for millions of people-- particularly intersex and transgender people --not just when they travel but when they seek employment, medical care, or other services.

As an American woman, I am appalled that a branch of my government is ordering these changes in the name of "defending" me. Other people's gender identities pose no threat to me, and discrimination against my trans and intersex neighbors does not make me any safer. On the contrary, efforts to undermine the geographic mobility, legal recognition, or social acceptance of any segment of our nation's population portend the erosion of my own rights and safety. The dangerous "extremism" here is not in "gender ideology" but in reactionary government overreach.