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I am writing in opposition to the illegal and discriminatory proposed changes to new Passport Applications, in order to comply with E.O. 14168. These new regulations are antithetical to the idea of America as free nation, as it would restrict the movement and rights of our fellow Americans whose gender expression is frankly none of your business. Trans, non-binary, and gender expansive people are routinely targeted by individual bias and stigma, and now this abhorrent regulation proposes to institutionalize that on a mass scale.

This regulation is in direct contradiction of Justice Gorsuch's majority opinion in *Bostock v. Clayton County*. For the Constitutionally illiterate amongst you sycophantic worms, the opinion stated very simply that discrimination based on transgender status is DISCRIMINATION ON THE BASIS OF SEX, and is illegal as such. The Fourteenth Amendment's Equal Protection Clause (incorporated to limit the federal government via the Fifth Amendment) requires that the law be applied equally to all under its jurisdiction. Requiring trans Americans to conform with this law, while exposing them to harassment/discrimination/abuse in the world every time they have to show ID, is on its face illegal for denying those Americans documentation that correctly aligns with their identities.

Clearly, this terrible change singles out one small group of Americans for special discriminatory treatment, and at the hands of their very own government. I write to you today because I will not be silent in the face of this draconian overreach and lawless behavior. You are attempting to destroy the lives of beautiful people who do not conform to your narrow-minded view of the world.

The sad thing is not that this regulation will take effect, because you tyrants will just ignore the thousands of voices speaking out against this move. No, the saddest moment will be when you realize that despite all of your hatred and zealotry, you will never succeed in "eradicating" those who you demonize. Trans people were always here, and they are not going anywhere. They are stronger than you, and as Marsha and Sylvia taught us, not afraid to stand against forces arrayed against them. They will not do so alone, as a majority of Americans have woken the fuck up and will not stand idly by why you try to erase our family, friends, neighbors, and community members. Your crusade is doomed to failure, and I hope to see your face when your child comes out to you and tells you to kiss their they/them ass.