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Comments Received:

Regarding Executive Order 14168 section D and its impacts on passport issuance and renewal, this proposed change will not provide any benefit for the safety and security of the US and its citizens and furthermore will cause inconvenience, inefficiency, add cost. Further, it will negatively impact citizens and nationals (whether trans or not) who present as the opposite of their "genetic" gender. Gender is not a useful descriptor for a number of reasons from the scientific to the latest gender-neutral styles. There are no inherent physical characteristics that apply universally to male or female, so the inclusion of a gender marker, especially one that is counter to the person's presentation is unhelpful and will cause increased wait times as more intensive inspections will be required--also resulting in an invasion of privacy.