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The changes being made to the Passport Renewal Application, specifically regarding the sex marker, are not necessary for the proper performance of agency functions and impact my life as an American woman of trans experience. Americans of intersex and/or trans experience will be negatively impacted by this narrow, unscientific view of biological sex. There are Americans who are born between sexes, biologically, due to intersex conditions. There are Americans who have undergone sex reassignment surgery, changes of legal sex, and are fully perceived by others as being their true sex. These Americans will face invasive, unnecessary, and cruel scrutiny at airports and border crossings, especially in countries that enjoy fewer liberties than America. It is dangerous to be forced to carry a travel document that does not match the physical sexual characteristics one presents. It would lead to grave misunderstandings, and it violates the privacy of trans and intersex Americans. This harmful, wasteful change to the Passport Renewal Application pulls the rug out from under Americans who have properly followed the legal and medical guidelines regarding sex change, such as myself, and paints a target on our backs.