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Comments Received:

My name is Maegan Brundage, and I am a queer person who adamantly opposes the proposal. Not only am I relate to trans people, I was a therapist for a LGBTIQA2S+ organization where I worked with many trans and non-binary youth ages 13 - 24. This proposal will hurt many trans people and would put some at risk for dying by suicide.

I do not support taking away the X gender marker. I do not support not allowing trans people to use the gender marker according to their choosing. According to the Trevor Project, a national program providing support to queer people, 46% of transgender and nonbinary young people have seriously considered suicide in the past year (info can be found here https://www.thetrevorproject.org/survey-2024). My family member almost died by suicide in the last year after the election because of dehumanizing policies he knew were coming down the pipeline like this one. He wasn't able to get his passport gender updated before this proposal, and he is struggling every single day because of it.

Furthermore, it is not constitutionally sound. This violates transgender, nonbinary, and intersex people's right to under the Due Process Clause of the U.S. Constitution by discriminating on the basis of sex. It also violates the 14th amendment of the U.S. Constitution that guarantees equal protection under the law and citizenship.

This is a blatant waste of taxpayer money, my money. These policies have no practical purpose other than being cruel to .1% of the population. Please reconsider leaving the policy as is, supporting all people, not just the ones that look and talk and act like you.