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I am strongly opposed to any requirement for passport renewals to reflect an applicant's sex at birth. First, that information may be detrimental to confirming a person's identity for purposes of travel, as many people live their whole lives presenting as a gender that is different from their sex assigned at birth. Second, this may put transgender travelers in danger by effectively outing them, particularly when they travel to countries that are not welcoming to trans folks. Even within the U.S., and especially with the recent increase in efforts to erase trans identities, I'm afraid that this opens them up to abuse and humiliation from domestic officials during identity verification. Third, this will cause administrative confusion for folks whose sex indicated on their passport differs from the gender marker on other documentation, such as state-issued drivers licenses. That confusion may unduly disrupt people's travels. Finally, this change would be a wasteful effort that benefits nobody. I'm a cisgender woman and despite the E.O. I do not need "protection" from other folks choosing to identify as women.