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To whom it may concern,

There is no need to remove the option "X" from passport form. Scientifically, sex in humans is not binary - sex organs, different types of genetic assessment, hormone levels, etc. make it difficult to define and assess. Therefore, there are many conditions that cause humans to be intersex or have markers of both sexes. If there is no scientific basis for having only male and female as options, there likewise does not seem to be any other reason to insist on a binary. A person's sex is not very helpful in identifying a person, since people can present in a multitude of ways - short/long hair, makeup, clothes, shoes. I am unaware of any significant problems that have been caused by allowing a third option.

The third option for "X" reflects a reality about the human condition and should not be changed. Likewise, as long as a person's identity can be confirmed there does not seem to be any reason not to allow a person to mark the option conforming with their gender identity.