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I firmly oppose the proposed changes to the United States Passport Policy, as they will force my transgender son to list his birth sex upon renewing his passport. A gender on a federal identity document that conflicts both with his physical presentation and other forms of identification effectively outs him as a transgender person. This subjects him to potential danger and discrimination and restricts his freedom of movement—a right guaranteed by the Due Process Clause of the Constitution—as it will be unsafe for him to travel to certain parts of the world as a transgender person. Indeed, it is unsafe for him to certain travel to parts of the United States as an openly transgender person! The federal government denying the fact that he is transgender does not make him cisgender. What it does is restrict his freedom, subject him to danger and discrimination, and force him to adopt government ideology he doesn't agree with—a direct violation of the First Amendment. This change is discriminatory, unconstitutional and—contrary to Executive Order's stated objective to defend women and girls—protects no one. That's not the ideology of the country I know and love.