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My name is Katalina Hadfield, and I'm a transgender woman and attorney living in Las Cruces, New Mexico. My current passport accurately reflects my gender and the way that I present myself: Female. It matches all of my identity documents, such as driver's license, birth certificate, and state bar records.

My passport expires in July 2027. As a result of this, I must renew my passport around the end of 2026.

As a result of this US Passport Renewal Application change, my gender will not be accurately reflected on my passport when I must renew it in less than 2 years. This will harm me when I travel and when I try to do things in my day-to-day life.

There is no reason for anyone to need to know my "sex at birth," whatever that is. Having to show this information to people publicly has no benefit to me, or to the American people. Instead, it's a waste of taxpayer time and energy to police who I am and how I present myself.

Nobody really knows my sex at birth because they did not do a detailed chromosomal and hormonal panel of me when I was born! They just looked and made an assumption based on external appendages, and wrote down one letter on my original birth certificate that has haunted me for the rest of my life.

Also, the Executive Order that this proposed change purports to comply with is probably going to be struck down anyway--another reason not to approve it!

Finally, this rule totally leaves out Intersex people. Can they not get passports anymore? This further encourages doctors to perform non-consensual surgeries on babies in order to force them to conform to this non-existent binary.

I urge you to allow passport systems remain the same as they are. Thank you for considering.

PS - if you don't know much about intersex people - check it out! Wikipedia is free! <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Intersex>