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Comments Received:

I am concerned the new form for applying for a new passport is discriminatory. Transgender and nonbinary people are real, and may face discrimination and other hardships that impact their civil rights, their ability to work and travel, if they cannot apply to have their correct gender marker reflected on this important document. The erasure of an X marker is very disturbing, as it has been internationally accepted for some time. I have a nonbinary child and am disheartened to see our country move backwards in acknowledging and welcoming different people. Not every human being has an XY or XX chromosome set, and forms and policies that deny the biological fact of the existence of people with sex differences seems very strange indeed to me. I hope the State Department will revert to the old form.