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Form DS-5504 Application for a U.S. Passport: Name Change, Data Correction, and Limited Passport Book Replacement
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COMMENT: E.O. 14168 requires the DS-5504 be revised to reflect the applicant's biological sex at birth, male "M" or female "F." However, this requirement flies in the face of science, common sense and human experience in that it requires certain individuals to falsely indicate their gender (not sex) as experienced and lived. The policy requiring such amendment is wrong, it is dangerous, it is discriminatory. It is wrong because there are a small minority of people who for reasons currently unknown to science experience a gender inside which is different from that physically visible, who were therefore wrongly assigned a "biological sex/gender" at birth. It is dangerous because having to comply with the "biological sex/gender" assigned at birth causes these people profound emotional distress, to such an extent that it is documented at over 40% of such people (including among others transsexuals and intersex people) have attempted suicide. It is discriminatory, and cruel and dehumanizing because it singles out a small group on account of their sex/gender, and without any compelling state interest except cruelty. There is no scientific basis for such a requirement.