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I am so incredibly disappointed in the changes made to this form for a variety of reasons.

1. The new form will force people to commit fraud in order to get a passport. Anyone who knows even the smallest amount about human biology knows that there are more than two sexes. There are many people who's sex is not clearly male or female. Between 1-2% of the population is intersex. There are currently about 170,000,000 Americans who have a passport. That means that, on the low end, about 1.7 MILLION U.S. passport holders are intersex. When these 1.7 million people need to renew their passports or when new intersex people want to apply for passports, they will be forced to choose "M" or "F" for their sex. As it says at the very beginning of the form, "False statements made knowingly and willfully in passport applications, including affidavits or other documents submitted to support this application, are punishable by fine and/or imprisonment under U.S. law including the provisions of 18 U.S.C. 1001, 18 U.S.C.

1542, and/or 18 U.S.C. 1621. " So you are now forcing people to either not apply for a passport or risk fines and even imprisonment because some opinionated, ignorant people don't understand basic biology.

2. The results of the information gathered by this form will put many people at risk of harm. Many transgender people have medically transitioned and currently look very different than people assume someone with their assigned gender at birth would look. Many have fully medically transitioned. Insisting on using their assigned gender at birth on their passport would put them in extreme danger if they were to try and travel to countries with harsh anti-trans laws. It will increase their chances of experiencing harassment, discrimination, and violence at government check points.

3. It is absolutely pointless. It makes literally zero sense aside from being a targeted attack on transgender and intersex people. Almost zero babies have their chromosomes checked at birth. The doctor just looks at their genitals and decides F or M. The new standards this form is applying holds the two second glance of a random doctor in higher authority than anything else. It doesn't account for physical changes either chosen or natural. It doesn't account for any ambiguous genitalia or genitalia that doesn't match what is common for a person's chromosomal makeup. It doesn't take into account information a person might learn about themselves later, such as their chromosomal makeup.

4. This is a targeted attack against transgender and intersex people, period. It is so pointless, so ignorant, and so uninformed by scientific fact that it could be nothing else. It is specifically meant to erase the existence of trans and intersex people. It does not serve the public good in ANY way.

As a person who has "X" as their gender on both their birth certificate and their state ID, I am incredibly angry and frustrated that I am being put in the position to not get a passport or lie about my sex/gender in order to get one. You need to seriously reconsider these changes.

Thank you.