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## **Comments Received:**

The proposed change of removing the gender section of passports in favor of a sex assigned at birth is unnecessary. Requiring sex assigned at birth in the binary of male or female will be detrimental in confirming identification for passport users. Having a traditionally male presenting citizen be forced to provide the female sex assigned at birth on their passport will bring into question the legitimacy of their identity, requiring unnecessary additional questioning and screening, slowing down the identification process. Allowing the citizen to put their presenting gender instead of their assigned sex at birth, which can only hinder the effective identification of individuals, avoids this unnecessary additional screening, ensuring more efficiency in the identification process.

This change also fails to take into account intersex individuals who are born with sex characteristics, including chromosome patterns or genitalia, that do not fit into a male/female binary. It also does not take into account individuals assigned a sex at birth unbefitting of them simply due to a mistake on their birth certificate.