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The need for passport holders to have identity documents with their preferred gender is extremely important To preserve. For one, to remove the gender/sex categories creates chaos and confusion in travel, for no reason except to exclude and target a small number of individuals on the basis of discrimination. The changes made to passports for transgender, intersex, nonbinary, and gender non conforming individuals already go through additional screening procedures before being approved for a passport, so there is no true or proven safety reasons why these restrictions should be applied. Additionally, the process creates unsafe situations for people traveling with incorrect gender markers on their identity, documents, creates confusion in situations where people may have conflicting identity, documentation, and sets the stage for questioning, scrutinizing, and confiscating passports on the basis of fraud. Additionally, this process discriminates against Intersex people who do not have a biological component to a binary sex marker, and would therefore not have an option to select their biological sex marker. Further, the manner in which passports are being incorrectly, updated does not take into account the reasons for the change, Meaning people who had errors on their documentation will now be forced to go through additional steps, even if they are cisgender. These new policies are nothing more than an attack on a small minority group of citizens, And the public, period should've happened long before this action began. On the mere basis of not being open to public comment before implementation, these policies should be held in contempt and put up to the same scrutiny as any other policy change affecting the American citizen. It is my opinion that these policies go too far, have no foundational reason for implementation outside of pure discrimination, and I ask that these policies be reverted back to those updates made in the Biden era, as they were lawful implementations of updated passport policies. There is no public health or public safety reason for this policy to be upheld. In fact, I would like to request that any changes be supported by real evidence to support the urgent need to implement and already enforce this policy. People who had gender marker changes on their passports, are already receiving Passports with incorrect gender markers, and damages have already been seen with individuals seeking to travel safely with their American passports. This policy goes too far, we mist allow people to be free from unnecessary restrictions and scrutiny simply because some politicians believe lies about the negative impact of allowing gender marker changes. This policy must be restored to the policy that was in place prior to January 20, 2025.