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The proposed change to this application process, delegitimizing "x" gender markers are wasteful and fall well outside the scope of the intended purpose of this type of document. Current use of "x" gender marker is used as the most accurate method of identifying a variety of American citizens. Regardless of the state department's sentimental reaction to the idea of "x" gender designation, the purpose of the passport is for accurate identification and the current system is more effective than the proposed system for that purpose. This change would surely result in bureaucratic processes of adjustment, and confusion of currently legitimate documents, that would contribute to a larger tax burden on hard working Americans. It represents a bad-faith attempt to impose an ideology of gender onto a document that otherwise is solely functional. I can't imagine more wasteful government spending, or a more freedom restricting maneuver than mobilizing the state department to reinstitute previous and less effective requirements for the most basic documentation of American citizenship.