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## **Comments Received:**

As an American citizen living abroad, access to swift and competent passport renewal is essential to my life, and I frequently see the importance for my fellow American, including fellow Americans who have transitioned. This order creates an unnecessary and humiliating burden for trans Americans traveling and living abroad, who will be subject to excessive scrutiny and questioning, and possibly be barred entry to countries that are unfriendly to Western secular values of self determination and individual freedom. I have two American friends in my immediate community who are not the gender they were assigned at birth, both physically and in outward presentation. This change will cause significant harm to these Americans, as it may prevent them from traveling to countries allied to our shared Western values. This curtails their right to free movement as guaranteed the holder of an American passport. This change is not reflective of the values of the United States or those mandated to protect her.