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I am writing to express my opposition to the policy of changing gender markers in passports without the applicant's consent. This policy causes great harm to transgender and nonbinary people whose gender identity may not match the gender assigned on their birth certificate. I strongly believe that transgender and nonbinary folks should have the right to official government documents (including passports) that list the gender with which they self-identify. This is a matter of basic human dignity, and in many cases, physical safety. Please ensure the directives in this policy do not allow the government to modify gender markers in passports without the applicant's explicit request. Thank you for your attention to this matter.