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## **Comments Received:**

This proposed change to replace the term 'gender' with 'sex' and to require the passport to reflect a 'biological sex at birth' is wrong in many ways.

- 1. It's a violation of human rights and rights to self determination and dignity. People have a right to self identify in ways that match their gender. This policy discriminates against transgender people.
- 2. This will cause problems and hurt real people who are just trying to live their lives. Their documents will not match each other or the person carrying them, causing problems for travel and identification, and could put the individuals in question at risk for greater harm.
- 3. Binary biological sex in humans is not a real thing and should not be considered fact to base government policy on, and it's frankly shocking that it's in an official statement like this. An overwhelming number of well regarded studies confirm that there are many different genetic expressions of sex humans, not even mentioning gender. This policy is simply not even biologically accurate.
- 4. This policy establishes a dangerous legal precedent that the president or the government can unilaterally declare how all humans must identify themselves based on the opinions of a very small religious and political minority.

In short, this policy violates human rights, it hurts and causes real harm to real people immediately, it is factually wrong, grounded in an incorrect understanding of science, and it is legally treacherous because it allows a minority to make politically and religiously motivated decisions on how the vast majority can live.

It would severely undermine the credibility of the US government to move forward with this proposed rule change.