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To whom it may concern,

As the parent of a transgender child, I am deeply concerned about the challenges transgender individuals face when renewing passports, particularly when state-issued birth certificates and federal records do not align. This discrepancy could prevent transgender people from obtaining passports altogether, severely limiting their freedom and liberty to travel.

I urge the federal government to allow states to determine the gender markers on state-issued birth certificates, so that federal documents, like passports, match state records. Further, I urge the government to respect an individual's person freedom to identify as they deem appropriate, or in the case of minors, to respect parents' rights to do so on behalf of their children.