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The change of policy regarding the renewal of passports, limiting data collection to male or female and insisting that this gender match an individual's gender assigned at birth is based on a political (not a scientific) motivation and will create chaos in the daily lives of U.S. citizens. It is highly inefficient and unnecessary to remove nonbinary gender from passports and for the State Department to concern itself with the sex assigned at birth of any person. Science tells us that gender expression and even biological sex is complex and dynamic. Religious arguments are irrelevant, as it is not the role of government to propagate religious views. The only thing that matters is that members of the U.S. populace have very particular needs based on their unique sex/gender and it is the responsibility of government to ensure that ALL citizens have equal rights under the law. The change in policy regarding sex and gender designations will make it more difficult for trans people to travel, to gain reentry to their country, to gain employment, to apply for benefits they are owed, and so on. This unnecessary change in policy amounts to targeted discrimination against a specific group of Americans based on sex and is illegal.