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Hello. I'm a cisgender American citizen and I am writing to express my displeasure at the proposed changes to the form DS-5504, "Application for a U.S. Passport: Name Change, Data Correction, and Limited Passport Book Replacement". The changes in question put an emphasis on "biological sex at birth" and require ones' gender marker to match that of their birth certificate. In many cases, this will force people to dress and act in a way that aligns with this marker, even if that's different from how they prefer to look and act. I request these changes be rejected for the following reasons: it's unconstitutional. You suppress free speech if you ban a form of self-expression like looking and acting in line with your gender identity. It is unscientific. The focus on "biological sex at birth" ignores centuries of empirical data about the complexities of gender and sex. It is discriminatory and could endanger American citizens. It will force for intersex and transgender people to reveal private medical information to authorities, which is very dangerous in countries with discriminatory policies in place against them. I urge you to reject these proposed changes. Thank you.