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Dear officers of information and regulatory affairs.

Thank you for reviewing my correspondence. I'm James Doran, a proud multi-generational Bostonian and American. I have worked for the Massachusetts Unemployment Department and the US Census Bureau.

I request that your office continue to allow people with transgender identities to choose the gender on their passports. I also ask that you stop changing the gender indicated on existing passports. This encroachment on privacy and free-expression is essential to me as an American.

I'm not transgender, though my girlfriend and I have friends and a few family members who are. They are normal functioning people in society, and a tiny minority. Changing the gender on their passport to one they do not present as will only create confusion and process error where there was none. It is equivalent to the evolving citizens' names on their passports to their birth name, when they have legally changed their name.

Please consider my words. The actions being taken currently undermine many young people's faith in our institutions.

Sincerely,  
James A.C. Doran