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Gender and sex markers determined by chromosomes or reproductive organs are not effective means of aiding lawful and safe travel.

These definitions are contrary to both the standards of care set out by medical boards and are not internally consistent. This proposal endangers Americans, paves the way for assault and infringements on bodily sovereignty, and will needlessly impede airport security lines. It is not normal to inspect the DNA or genitals of travelers, and compliance would necessitate one or both, with outlandish impacts on intersex peoples.

This will not only negatively impact transgender travelers, but any cisgender passengers, such as women with PCOS, who present in ways that do not meet an arbitrary stereotype.

If the core issue is language and terminology, simply remove gender markers entirely.

This process also undermines the purpose of a federal governing structure. Many states already have REALID processes. The federal government should not be countermanding state designations and requirements regarding gender designations.

This is a bad change.