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Passport renewals are vital to the freedom of US citizens for travel and identification purposes. Denying or delaying renewals in order to adhere to President Trump's Executive Order "Defending Women from Gender Ideology Extremism and Restoring Biological Truth to the Federal Government" infringes on basic human rights of trans and non-trans individuals. The US State Department should not be incorporating this political propaganda into applications for vital documents such as passport renewals. As a US citizen and a woman with trans relatives and friends I know that denying trans people their basic human rights does nothing to defend me in any way. "Gender ideology extremism" is an idea promoted by a hostile foreign power (Russia) to discriminate against their citizens and should not be a concept imported to the US. Trans people do not pose a threat to anyone. Trans people deserve to have official documents that reflect the gender they have worked and suffered to affirm. These proposed changes reflect an embrace of a fringe ideology in order to ingratiate the US President with an extreme far-right foreign leader -- Vladimir Putin and must be rejected.