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## **Comments Received:**

I am completely opposed to the changes to new passport applications requiring submission of biological sex at birth. The most compelling reason for my opposition is basic science: it is simply untrue that biological sex at birth is always straightforward. In fact, is likely that about 1.7 per cent of all humans have some kind of intersex trait at birth, meaning that they are born having extra sex-linked chromosomes or lacking them, or have physical variations that are not clearly male or female. So for something like 5.6 million intersex people in the US, it is both accurate and ethical to offer a M, F and X option on the passport, as we have in the past. Anything else is blatant discrimination. This is an ideological change and a political one, not a scientific one. We should strive for accuracy as well as protection of human rights on a US passport. I am attaching some information about the intersex population here. Thank you.