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I am writing to express my strong opposition to this policy, specifically the requirement that all new and renewed passports carry a binary sex marker. This will threaten the safety and well-being of trans and non-binary people, and I am very concerned about this as an American citizen and as someone with trans friends and family. Every American citizen needs their ID to reflect their current gender and presentation--for their safety, and for the efficiency of any transactions involving ID. This has to do with function and not just with ideology (although I believe very firmly in the existence of multiple gender identities, and in every person's right to choose their own). Having an ID that doesn't accurately reflect the holder's identity puts the individual as well as the officials evaluating their ID in a very difficult position; which could result in a variety of negative situations from the more mundane (such as interpersonal awkwardness, errors in official paperwork and processes, etc.) to the more serious and concerning, such as American citizens being barred reentry into the country due to inconsistencies between their ID and current presentation, trans people being essentially forced to go "off the grid" and the resulting life complications that can cause, or even unfortunately increased anti-trans violence. I am strongly urging the department to rescind this policy.