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I am writing to record my dissatisfaction and to withhold support for the outlined change on the grounds that the proposed information is not necessary for the function of the department. The purpose of passport biodata is to aid in the identification and verification of an individual. Biological sex at birth does not sufficiently support verification of an individual's identity. Gender is a more accurate expression to verify the individual. Under the proposed change, individuals whose outward appearance and expression may be perceived to not match their documentation will be unduly impacted. The ability to provide M, X, and F provides the ability of the individual to move freely via passport without having to further address any discrepancies or deviations between their birth sex and outward appearance, gender expression, or deviation in appearance from birth.

Furthermore, the time involved to make this change when sufficient systems are in already in place to gather and assign a gender marker on the passport. The basis of this change has no other support than specific political ideology aimed at singling out a specific group of individuals. The federal government has yet to produce any information or data to support that collecting this data would produce any value for the country or that there is a risk to be addressed by collecting this data.

As such, I do not support this change.