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This comment is in relation to the proposed change [ ...”the revised DS-82 will request the applicant's biological sex at birth, male “M” or female “F.” ]

I am a transsexual woman in her 60s, having lived over half my life as a female. I completed a full transition in the 1990s, including sex reassignment surgery. A Court Order was issued, allowing me to update my sex marker on all my ID documents, including US Passport.

The US Passport is, in my opinion, of limited use within the United States as it is used essentially to travel outside the United States. Other documents, such as drivers licenses, are used for general identification within the United States.

I am AGAINST the use of a sex marker on a US Passport which would reflect my sex at birth. I look feminine, I behave in a feminine manner, and my external physical anatomy is identical to that of a biological female.

Having a US Passport with an “M” sex marker would “out” me to any number of security agents and border control agents while transiting between countries. I would find this particularly embarrassing, and it would be a potential harassing experience on every trip, especially if required to undertake a pat-down security search.

Additionally, and potentially more life threatening, is what would happen if I ended up having an encounter with medical staff or police during foreign travel. I could end up being placed in a medical facility/wing for male patients or, in a worst case scenario, in a male jail.

Since my transition, I have spent my life re-integrating back into society in my acquired sex, trying not to stand-out or cause any issues. I have had a very successful career as an aerospace engineer, and have been looking forward to traveling more in my retirement.

If the government decides to put an “M” sex marker on my passport, that will create mental trauma on every future trip.

Please....do not go ahead with the proposed request for biological sex at birth. Having a sex marker on a passport that is incongruent with the acquired sex (post transition) of the bearer will cause a lot of distress.