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Despite executive orders being introduced with the goal of “defending women,” I feel less safe with these new changes. Trans folks have bettered my life and deserve to live without fear, the government has no right to question who they are and certainly will not be impacted by one little letter on a passport. I'll also add that though I am a cisgender woman, I prefer androgynous fashion and have been sir'd many times in my life. Even with “biological sex” markers, there will still be folks who question those of us who don't conform to typical beauty standards and stereotypes. Transgender opposition just hurts everyone in the long run. Heck, this confusion is already affecting cis people's attempts to get passport misprints corrected. It's a bureaucratic nightmare.

Passports are more than just identification—they're a safety net abroad. Customs agencies have a constitutional and legal duty to assure the safety of traveling US citizens, and a misidentified gender marker could be enough to endanger a traveller with abuse from foreign officials. Passports affect not only border-crossing, but lodging, medical care, and other international services. Without this promise, travel becomes riskier and harms the folks it vowed to protect.

Financially, these changes serve no practical purpose and thus represent a waste of taxpayer money. Making it more difficult to travel as one's self also hurts tourism in all the locations those individuals planned to visit. It costs zero dollars to mind your business.