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Passport application forms are being modified to comply with an executive order regarding gender identity. I am opposed to this change for the following reasons:

- This act threatens freedom of speech. In banning a form of self-expression that does not cause or threaten harm to any other individuals, this act is unconstitutional.

- This act sets a dangerous legal precedent. Governmental authorities should not be able to decide and decree something that affects human beings on a fundamental level. Moreover, it limits expression not based on any concern for the safety of others, but based solely on the personal beliefs and political opinions of one group of people. This is undemocratic, and studies in fact show that the majority of the American people do not perceive gender identities or trans people as threats to their way of life. This act achieves nothing but to sufficiently "other" a vulnerable population.