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## **Comments Received:**

I am commenting to encourage members of Congress to vote NO to changing gender to sex at birth on the passport. There are several reasons for this. An individual's passport gender marker should match the gender marker on the birth certificate, which may have been changed to match their gender identity rather than gender at birth. Not matching to other legal documentation will cause confusion for all involved. Secondly, if a person presents as a female, but has an M designation as sex at birth, or conversely if a person presents as a male, but has a F designation as sex at birth there will be confusion when an official is assessing whether the passport is valid. Further, if a person has undergone surgery to transition their sex organs to the gender they identify with, the marker on the passport will be at odds with all physical properties of the individual, as well as other legal documentation that person may have for their identity (e.g. birth certificate, driver's license).