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This comment is specifically related to changes for “Defending Women from Gender Ideology Extremism and Restoring Biological Truth to the Federal Government,”

Passports are used as identification for verifying a person and their citizenship. They are not used to determine the biological sex of a person. If a transgender or non-binary person cannot have their gender markers available on a passport, it will potentially lead to confusion and could even lead to abuse. That abuse could be not only to those that are transgender, but those that are not transgender.

One way for confusion and possibly abuse to arise is when a transgender female has a passport that says male, yet their physical characteristics are strongly female. What might the person reviewing the passport do? Might they insist that the passport is inaccurate and demand a physical examination? What about a female that has strong male characteristics but their passport indicates they are a male? Might they also be physically examined? What about transgender man who is very masculine in looks from use of testosterone, yet their passport says female?

What purpose would be served to this? It would not help identify the person any more so than already happens with "biological" males and females, as that is done through pictures and information about each person.

It seems this will only serve to harm those in society that are a small minority by taking their right to live with dignity away. I urge you to reconsider this change.