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Adopting the proposed Federal Rule change to the U.S. Passport application would be a tragic mistake. Requiring applicants to obtain a passport using the designation of their sex at birth rather than the designation of the person they are is putting countless U.S. citizens in harm's way. My niece is one such person.

She was a girl born into a boy's body. But she is not Male and her Driver's License and current U.S. Passport reflect—accurately—that she is Female.

She looks like a female. For her to present a passport with a male marker when she is traveling, would create a conflict with her personal appearance and her other identification documents. It would cause unnecessary and time-consuming confusion for security agents faced with a woman whose passport says she is a man. The agent's questioning would create the need for an explanation and the revelation of highly personal information by my niece. This would be a serious invasion of privacy. This situation has the potential to lead to humiliating and, in some instances, dangerous circumstances.

The proposed change would subject my niece and multitudes of other law-abiding U.S. citizens to the risk of significant physical and psychological harm, rather than provide the protections assured to all U.S. citizens of Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness. Nothing about this proposed change would do anything to advance national security or efficiency. I strongly oppose the proposed Federal Rule Change requiring the disclosure of sex at birth.