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I write to object to the change to the DS-5504, Application for a U.S. Passport for Eligible Individuals: Correction, Name Change to Passport Issued 1 Year Ago or Less, and Limited Passport Replacement (OMB Control No. 1405-0160), to replace the "Gender" identifier with "Sex," the latter of which would refer only to the applicant's biological sex at birth and offer only the two options of (M)ale or (F)emale. The proposed change is scientifically inaccurate in its assertion of two distinct genders at birth, given the multiple and well-documented categories of intersex persons. It also is inaccurate for the purposes of travel and verification of identity, given that a person's apparent biological sex might have changed since birth, whether through self-initiated medical treatment for conditions like gender dysphoria or through treatments imposed without the person's knowledge or consent (or their parents'), like the also-well-documented history of medical personnel making surgical alterations of ambiguous sex characteristics soon after birth to fit the medical personnel's perceived or preferred gender assignment for the child.

It is clear that the proposed change is intended to target and disadvantage a group of American citizens based solely on the unfavorable opinions about their gender identity held by a radical minority of the polity, an embarrassing moral failure in and of itself. But putting aside the moral dimension of the proposed change, it is clearly illegal discrimination based on sex in violation of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as held by the Supreme Court in *Bostock v. Clayton County* (2020). The change therefore constitutes a needless waste of government resources to impose a burden that will be reversed in the courts anyway (which will entail considerably more government expense trying to uphold it). The State Department has far more important things to do with our time and taxpayer money than descend to this level of petty bigotry and basic scientific ignorance in its paperwork.