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This proposed change will endanger the lives of transgender and intersex people as they travel abroad. Transgender people in particular are more likely to be the victims of violent crimes and often depend on going “stealth” or “passing” as the gender they identify as to move through the world safely. A passport that shows a sex or gender designation incongruous with a person’s presentation (example: passport says ‘male’ when the person looks and passes as female) has and will lead to “transvestigations” that will cause serious and lasting psychological harm and endanger transgender and intersex individuals. This policy change is a step back into a darker and more dangerous time for trans and intersex people. Gender identity, not sex assigned at birth, is the method of identification that should continue to be used on passports.