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## **Comments Received:**

The proposed changes are to change the form to "request the applicant's biological sex at birth, male "M" or female "F."". There are a number of reasons why this is a bad idea, both related to bureaucracy and to scientific accuracy. Almost half of states have changed their gender markers to allow for a nonbinary option on all their forms, including birth certificate. (Link to California's options: https://selfhelp.courts.ca.gov/gender-recognition). To not recognize this on federal documents will cause major discrepancies for citizens of at least 25 States/Districts. Additionally, biological sex at birth reduced to Female and Male does not account for Intersex conditions which affect 1 in 100 Americans and can present in around 40 different ways (Link to Cleveland Clinic: https://my.clevelandclinic.org/health/articles/16324-intersex). It is no longer accurate to associate "two XX chromosomes as Female" and "XY as Male" when this condition allows a mix of XXY, or have some cells that are XY and XX. We must allow a third gender marker "X" to stay.