Author Full Name: Adina Shanholtz Received Date: 03/05/2025 11:40 PM

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, not to mention with people who have existing passports with gender marker "X". 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.