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This change is both unnecessary and scientifically inaccurate, and it promotes discrimination against transgender, nonbinary, and intersex American citizens. Requiring citizens to carry a passport marked with the sex they were assigned at birth rather than with their identity will result in regular violations of their privacy, as they may be outed to border and customs agents in order to travel. Carrying a passport that does not match their identity can also put these vulnerable citizens at even greater risk than usual of harassment and violence. A U.S. passport that does not match their other forms of identification marked with their gender identity may also cause any number of different logistical challenges. And fundamentally, this change denies these citizens their humanity and dignity, which not only causes psychological harm but also sullies the nation's ideals of equality and liberty for everyone. I vehemently object to the use of my tax dollars to make a change that will cause so much harm with absolutely no benefit other than to further the craven and cynical political ideology of the current administration.