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The unnecessary emphasis on the assigned sex at birth puts United States National Security at risk. Transgender and Intersex people, of whom there are many, may not appear to have the same characteristics associated with their assigned sex at birth. This mismatch will cause mis-identification, confusion, and wasted personnel-hours at border crossings. The identification of persons usually relies on an examination while they are clothed, not an intimate examination of their genitals. Furthermore, Intersex people do not fit either category of "male" or "female." Subjective assessments by doctors and State Officials to force them to identify with one or the other will cause additional needless confusion, hassle, and expense for both the State and individuals involved. The addition of a category of "sex" provides no meaningful information to anyone regarding a person in the eyes of the State, and should not be included on passports. The executive order is needlessly cruel in disallowing transgender and intersex people the right to an accurate passport. I am NOT in favor of this change.