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I'm opposed to the change from 'gender' to 'sex' and urge the continuation of the current policy, where gender markers reflect the information provided by the applicant. If the purpose of displaying gender on a passport is identification of the individual (and I can't think of another reason it could be there), then it is much more accurate to use the gender information they provide than to assign them something. Gender is how a person expresses themselves, so if they are presenting as female, if their passport were to contradict that, it would be a pointless burden on their travel and on the authorities checking the passport.

If this box is changed to 'sex' and required to match a birth certificate, then it no longer serves its function as identification. It's a completely superfluous piece of information.