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## **Comments Received:**

I am against this proposed change to the rule. It is discriminatory, capricious, and in no way benefits anyone. It adversely affects the lives of transgender Americans by forcing them to out themselves and their private medical information to government officials, as well as the public at large, for no gain or benefit to the people. The Department of State has been allowing individuals to change their gender markers for years with no negative consequences. This does not serve any legitimate governmental or national security purpose and serves only to mark transgender individuals as second class citizens and targets for discrimination and harassment.