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- (1) Restricting citizens to the arbitrary assigned-at-birth sex designations of "male" and "female" ignores the biological reality that sex is itself not a binary; many people are born with a "sex" that lies on a spectrum between male and female.
- (2) This sudden change puts transgender and non-binary individuals at great legal risk when traveling abroad and returning to the US, especially if they have the "X" gender marker on their existing paperwork that is no longer being officially acknowledged.
- (3) This change also complicates the paperwork and legal recognition of transgender and non-binary individuals who may already have gender markers on other government-issued documents that would not match what they would be forced to choose in this passport application.
- (4) This change also puts a great, sudden, and undue burden on the ability of transgender and non-binary individuals to travel abroad freely.
- (5) Beyond bureaucratic complications that arise from these proposed changes, these changes clearly intend to invalidate the lived experiences of and violate the human dignity of transgender and non-binary citizens of the United States, who have every constitutional right to not be discriminated against on the basis of their sex or gender, much like any other citizen.