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## **Comments Received:**

This is a comment on "Application for a U.S. Passport," OMB Control Number 1405-0004, from the Bureau of Consular Affairs, Passport Services, Office of Program Management and Operational Support (CA/PPT/S/PMO), Form Number DS-11.

Currently, all US passports use G for Gender. The amount of governmental time, money, and resources needed to change all passports to use S for Sex would be an incredibly inefficient use of resources, as well as present the following additional concerns:

- 1. This ignores the existence of intersex and nonbinary people, which is both biological sex and gender. See the Zzyym v Blinkin (formerly Zzyym v Pompeo) court case for an example of an intersex person being unable to mark an "X" designation for gender. Both courts agreed on saying that binary sex classifications by the State Department on passports were in fact arbitrary and capricious.
- 2. This ignores the primary function of the gender marker on passports, which is to make it easier for government agents across the world to identify whether a passport belongs to the individual. If changed to report sex instead of gender, it will greatly increase bureaucratic slowdowns in processing traveler information, for no clear cause other than stripping vulnerable citizens of their dignity and safety.

I am highly against changing the Gender marker on passports to Sex -- it is a huge waste of resources, not representative of the very citizens that live in this country, and makes passports less effective at their actual functions.