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Please stop these passport changes. They do not protect women or children, and instead they put many MORE people in danger and at risk. If a women is being sexually harrassed, abused, or attacked, we do not stop the perpetrator to ask them for their ID in order to decide if they are "allowed" to abuse this woman -- that would be absurd. But ID laws like these harm people of all walks of life on a daily basis. They out binary trans people repeatedly, who might otherwise be able to travel safely and securely across the globe -- which does NOTHING to protect our citizens from potential harm in other countries. They put intersex people into a similar bind with the added harm of perpetuating the cycle of gendered surgery and hormones forced on infants and toddlers to make them fit into our society's binary conception of male and female. It harms nonbinary people like myself who never fit into these binary slots in the first place, and who now feel really abandoned by my country and my neighbors. You all used to walk beside me, and now I feel tied to a pyre during a witch hunt... To close out, even if you don't care much for the 3-5% of transgender and nonbinary people affected by these changes, I urge the State Dept to consider the number of cisgendered people affected by honest mistakes on their government documents as well. All of us are being thrown onto a sacrificial pyre in the name of "protecting women," who are only actually affected by these changes if they ever had someone accidentally put "M" on their government IDs.