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My name change was due primarily to needing to secure my safety, as my birth name and trauma are plastered all over the internet. I was never allowed to heal or escape from those experiences as long as I had my old name attached to me. But I am also neurodivergent and experience gender differently than most people. I might align with the female experience, but I do not identify as female. The relevance of a "proof of sex/gender" is non-existent; it creates unnecessary and already difficult obstacles. We all know how long it takes for passports to get to us now, do you want that to take even longer? In addition, imagine having every single document match your new name -- that you changed by marriage, legally, or otherwise -- but being unable to do the same with your passport because you cannot find "adequate proof" of whatever gender the government decides is yours. Imagine the safety repercussions that a delay in leaving the country, or being allowed to come back from one, might have on you, your friends, your family or neighbors. This is bigger than transgender rights. Intersex people and cisgender people are inevitably going to be affected too. What about those who received life-saving mastectomies or orchiectomies -- their gender presentation isn't the same as what society deems "acceptable," will they be asked to prove who they are? It's a genuine violation of our right to privacy, self-expression, and medical history. A name change is a name change, period. Please do not allow someone's experience being different than your understanding of the world allow the government to make decisions about your body and who you are. If you agree with me on nothing else, I hope at the very least you still believe in the balance of power and democracy our country was foundationally built on. We are not as separate as the media makes us seem. All love. If you got this far, thank you.