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I am concerned about the proposed changes to the passport application (OMB #1405-0004) to remove gender and instead require sex as assigned at birth. This will make international travel difficult for anyone who is transgender, intersex, or non-gender-conforming, as their passport will not accurately reflect their gender identity.

Many of the individuals affected by this change already have documentation in their correct gender, which may contrast with the sex marker on the passport. This will cause confusion, extra work, and wasted time for anyone checking identification.

This also represents a security risk for these individuals, who will be at a higher risk of harassment or violence with a passport that doesn't match their gender presentation.

Finally, these changes serve no practical purpose, and so represent a waste of taxpayer money.

Please reconsider this change. The previous version of this form did not have these issues.