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Comments Received:

Regarding the proposal for information collection on application for a US passport (OMB 1405-0004) -- this is an enormous waste of time and money on something that's already working just fine. In the pursuit of eliminating government wastefulness, I don't believe updating these fields is valuable or effective for the American people.

I'm an American citizen who has traveled internationally and has a valid passport. Passports have legal names, up to date photographs, and information on location of birth -- in all my time traveling abroad, gender or sex has never come up. My passport identifies me as customs agents can look at it, and see that I am the person named therein, via the photograph. Frankly, doing away with sex or gender on the passport entirely would be a much more efficient way to conduct business. Requiring only M or F to identify "biological sex at birth" ignores scientific reality (M and F are simply not all there is -- intersex people alone are estimated to make up 1.7% of the population, which in the US would amount to 5.78 million people - https://www.ohchr.org/en/sexual-orientation-and-gender-identity/intersex-people) and the potential of mistake by doctors (who are both human and overworked).

Allowing for the possibility of the unknown is the backbone of science.