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I oppose the proposed change of the passport id category "gender" to (in effect) "sex assigned at birth."

The proposed change would have a strong negative effect on US citizens traveling abroad and create an unnecessary paperwork burden on the federal government for no good reason. Trans individuals require accurate gender identifiers on their official papers so that those papers can be used for purposes of identification, especially while traveling outside of the country. Changing the document categories to make them inaccurate or problematic to use for purposes of identification creates safety and security concerns for trans citizens traveling abroad.

The logistical task of reconciling every person's sex assigned at birth with their current gender marker raises problematic questions about time wasting and unnecessary expense at a moment when existing essential functions of the federal government in relation to travel, such as air traffic control regulation and facilitation, are being cut. The burden on time and money would rest on every citizen, not just agency employees and trans citizens.

It's a large expense to be shared by all for the purpose of creating hurdles to an experience of safe/unbound/convenient travel for an already disadvantaged few. Norms of travel should be seen as an extension of our rules and laws about public access.

My gender designation is the same as the sex I was assigned at birth. It will be bureaucratic overreach and an invasion of privacy to be forced to prove this fact to the federal government. An even larger overreach and invasion is the government's current impulse to force every citizen to prove the fact of their gender. We need not prove this to you. It's none of your business.