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## **Comments Received:**

Changing "gender" to "sex" on government documents such as passports is discriminatory against transgender individuals. This group is misunderstood and being targeted as if they are committing a crime. These attempts to make life more difficult and dangerous for them must not be tolerated. This infringes on the freedoms of transgender persons. I suggest before this is arbitrarily changed, those in favor of it would benefit from meeting and speaking with transgender individuals. Those of us who have transgender family members and friends we love and are desperately trying to support are in despair that this administration is so filled with hate for people they clearly have not bothered to try learning about or understanding. These are real people whose rights are being stripped away, all for something that is beyond their control. People don't choose to be transgender; they just are. They need support, and this administration is determined to treat them as less than human. Have we not progressed at all from witch hunts? Life is hard enough without being actively attacked by the government of their own country. I would love to think this message will do some good, but I don't have much hope. It is difficult to appeal to the humanity of those who have little to no understanding of what that means.