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I am writing this comment in order to strongly oppose the proposed changes to the DS-82 Passport Renewal Form that require applicants to list their "biological sex at birth" instead of their gender. This change creates unnecessary barriers for transgender, nonbinary, and intersex individuals, many of whom already face discrimination and delays when obtaining accurate identification.

While I am not a member of the trans community, I am a member of the LGBTQ+ community. Having hid myself from the world for much of my life, and just gotten to the point of having the courage to come out at 40 years old, I fully understand how it feels to not get to live as your true self. Having whatever gender identify you prefer on your passport harms absolutely NO ONE, nor does it cause one ounce of pain or suffering to anyone else but the person it is affecting. Something like this is the LEAST of this countries worries. There is so much bad, so much crime, so many horrible mean people, so many innocent lives being taken by WHITE MEN who are US citizens, the fact that this is even a discussion is absurd and appalling. Why the government is wasting breath discussing an issue that doesn't affect them whatsoever, is beyond me. But as are many things happening right now.

I urge the State Department to withdraw this harmful proposal and maintain the ability for passport applicants to have identification that reflects who they are. Let people live their lives. They are suffering enough trying to accept themselves, the last thing anyone needs is the feeling that the whole world is against them for doing nothing wrong.