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This proposal would diminish the quality of the data collected on a passport application. If a transgender person has transitioned, using the person's sex assigned at birth rather than their gender identity will cause the passport to have out-of-date information. This will make it harder for people verifying identities to validate that the passport belongs to the person, since their appearance will likely not fit expectations for the sex assigned at birth, resulting in added time and confusion in the customs process. If the individual has medically transitioned, their passport will not match their body's current state. The only outcome of this change would be to make travel potentially humiliating and dangerous for transgender people, while having no effect on the data quality of the 99% of the population that is not transgender.