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To Whom This May Concern,

The ability to travel around the world is one of the many important rights we have as citizens of the United States. This privilege affords us the opportunity to do business with other countries which continues to strengthen our economy. It also allows us to visit and learn about other cultures which makes us well-rounded individuals.

Gender has nothing to do with our abilities to conduct proper business transactions or to visit and learn about other populations.

The fact that the United States Department of State is looking to enforce citizens declaring their gender based on biological gender at birth on passport applications is absolutely ridiculous and unnecessary. What does gender have to do with one's ability to travel? This is a direct violation of personal rights and is discriminatory against individuals who identify as a different gender than what they were born with. In addition, in choosing to enforce this policy, our government is evolving toward fascism which is not the foundation our constitution was created on.

In all, I am truly appalled at the choices our federal government is currently making, and I want the Department of State to NOT include this gender identity policy on US passports. Our citizens have the right to be safe and protected by our government, and including this policy is direct discrimination and unethical!