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As the parent of a trans child, the change proposed to the passport application as requiring an individual to only have M or F on their passport that may not align with their gender identity is absolutely a step in the wrong direction. The attack on this already marginalized group only serves one purpose which is to dehumanize these individuals who are just trying to live their lives and be happy. By requiring this change, these individuals will be forced over and over to justify their very existence when going through customs and even jeopardizes their safety. Everyone has a right to feel safe. I thought our country was founded on life, liberty and the right to pursue happiness but apparently according to Trump that is only for the rich, the Christian, and the heterosexual people, and anyone who doesn't adhere to those categories is not a human. This is just wrong. And as a parent, it is TERRIFYING. These people are not harming ANYONE and yet the rhetoric that they are somehow deviant has taken over the narrative. There are far more deviant heterosexuals than anyone identifying as trans, bi, intersex, nonbinary, etc. Let these people have their right to be how they want to be and DO NOT implement this change. There are far more problems in the world than worry whether someone has an M or F or X on their passport. Lets worry about the larger issues and not the less than 1%, and probably even a far fewer percent than that who actually apply for a passport. It's just unnecessary and cruel. Simply reading any of the scientific studies on the affect of gender dysphoria on mental health and it is clear that misgendering an individual can have disastrous consequences. People just don't understand how hard it is for these people. I've seen my child have extreme depression, anxiety and self-harm behaviors until they were able to live their truth. I've never seen my child happier than the day she got on hormone replacement (as an 18 year old because our state already doesn't allow it for minors unless they have an diagnoses of gender dysphoria, which is difficult to even find a provider in our area).

PLEASE DO NOT implement this change. It's unnecessarily cruel, unnecessary in general, and will result in transgender people being singled out, having their basic human rights being stripped away, and causing undue mental distress. What's next? Are women going to be unable to get a passport if we take our husband's last name because it doesn't match our birth certificate? Are we going to start putting yellow stars on the passport of anyone Jewish? Where does it end?