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These proposed changes will do nothing to protect women and girls and it is disingenuous to pretend that the safety of women and girls is a priority for an administration dedicated to gutting programs that women and girls around the country depend on every day.

What these proposed changes would do is forcibly out trans people, potentially subjecting them to privacy violations and abuse. What happens when a person with a beard shows up at the airport with a passport that says F? Will that person have to display their genitalia to prove their passport aligns with their sex assigned at birth? What about someone with a bulky, athletic build, wearing a dress, whose passport says F? Will the agent at the airport have the right to say "I don't believe you"? When it turns out that this person actually was assigned female at birth, what recourse will she have for her privacy having been violated and her travel plans disrupted?

Lastly, an economic argument, since this administration is so invested in government efficiency: these proposed changes would not only cost time and money to implement, with no clear benefit, but would also make the process of renewing passports more complicated, costly, and time consuming.