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I'm commenting regarding quite a few concerns with, particularly, E.O.14168.

Like most individuals in our country, there are many things personal to my background that aren't relatable to many people. My experience in a Protestant church, for example, is very different from what I've heard about the Catholic church experience. I also grew up in a suburban area, which affected how I grew up differently from someone born somewhere such as New York City. There are many more differences, but my point is that there will always be things about my life that others cannot truly understand, and there will always be things about the lives of others that I will never quite grasp the full extent of. This is not a bad thing. It is, as we all know, impossible to experience every type of life. But this doesn't mean we abandon or shun those who have experiences that are less widely understood.

I would extend this same sentiment to our transgender brothers and sisters, who are as American as the rest of us.

When I see the phrase "Defending Women from Gender Ideology Extremism", I think of the transgender people I've encountered online and in person, and I struggle to think about what makes them someone that people need to be defended from. Every transgender man, at some point, was a woman, and vice versa. How is it that these people go from being children, teenagers, and adults that are readily accepted to a demonized demographic because the life they choose to live is different? When I look up what it means to be transgender and hear the stories of these people, when I see the scientific papers that have done research on what it means to be transgender on a more biological level, I don't see why women must be defended from something as intangible as an ideology, as though they are feeble creatures that cannot think or choose for themselves.

More concerning, though, is the phrase "Restoring Biological Truth", which ignores the experiences of intersex individual, as well as the aspects of the brain that result in a transgender individual. Too often, we forget that the brain makes up the mind; our personalities, preferences, and quirks don't come from nowhere.

Ultimately though, I believe the government should not be involved in medicinal care. The government cannot make laws that deeply consider the physical and mental circumstances of an individual. This should be left to each person's doctor, who is in a much better position to devise a plan of care. The president most certainly does not have this authority. Forcing certain gender markers onto transgender individuals does not stop them from being transgender. It will not stop transgender people from existing. It will not stop rapists, murderers, or child abusers. What it will do is flag transgender men with full beards. It will cause problems for women with short hair or thin men with long hair who are not transgender for their gender non-conforming traits. It will slow down airport queues as these individuals are subjected to unnecessary and invasive screening; I know my genitals have never mattered when I've needed to fly somewhere.

Our nation has far more pressing problems than controlling the sex markers on documents. We need to care for and protect our own, not turn them away because they are different.