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I am writing regarding OMB Control Number 1405-0004, DS-11, Application for US Passport.

I vehemently oppose the proposed change of "gender" to "sex" on passport applications and the requirement that this field aligns with the applicant's assignation at birth is both unnecessary and bigoted in its targeting of transgender and intersex individuals. As an American citizen, I benefited hugely from my international education in both France and Italy, which led me to a career in selling American books for translation in other countries and helped me build strong professional ties in the UK, France, Germany, Brazil, and Italy. In addition to the moral repugnance of stripping transgender Americans of their rights to dignity and safety, this proposed change would significantly harm the cultural and economic output of the US by limiting the nation's participation in global events, such as the international conferences that have defined my career. The proposed change is discriminatory and cruel and must not be approved.