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I completely oppose the unnecessary proposed changes to the regulations on gender/sex identification on passports. A passport is supposed to be a document to prove identity, one which should include all relevant information on a person. Should my passport represent the information that I am female or a woman, it would be blatantly false. I am a full grown, bearded, middle aged man built like a chubby linebacker, despite the defect that caused my birth certificate to state that I am female. While I am considered some form of transsexual due to my XX chromosomes and need for surgeries, I grew up viewed as somewhere in between and it has been discovered that I can produce normal but low male levels of testosterone on my own and that as an adult my genitals do not fully conform to either sex. Without further invasive diagnosis I cannot be certain, but it appears that I am incapable of producing either reproductive cell (not that I was able to produce either "at conception" regardless of diagnosis) that is supposed to define a person's sex according to the illegal executive order "Defending Women from Gender Ideology Extremism and Restoring Biological Truth to the Federal Government" which may effectively mean that I do not exist according to the federal government if this order is enacted.

As an American citizen, I deserve to have the right to legally exist and have access to accurate identification documents just like any other citizen. An accurate passport would reflect that in every aspect of life I look like a man, live as a man, and am treated as a man. An inaccurate one opens me up to discrimination, travel delays, issues with traveling to other countries, and potentially threatens my safety should I wish to travel to certain countries. If I disclose my health history to anyone in regular life I am met with disbelief, if I receive the same reaction going through customs with a passport reflecting the wrong gender marker that does not match any other documentation I could potentially be arrested. My birth certificate and all of my other documentation have been corrected, therefore my passport should be able to be fixed as well.

The state department should reject any requirements that a passport reflect sex assigned at birth, whether by continuing to allow for individuals to change it themselves when relevant and necessary (as with previous policy) or by eliminating designating sex or gender on passports altogether if that is deemed irrelevant identification information.