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There are many many studies by biologists and geneticists that indicate that, on a genetic level, sex is not cleanly binary, especially in the way the EO dictates (which isn't correct on the most basic scientific reproductive principles). Not to mention that - gender aside - intersex people exist and there is no reasonable biological or empirical doubt about that.

If a transgender person is cis-passing but their passport reflects their sex at birth and they travel to places that are even more unsafe for trans people, that could put them in a very dangerous situation. A mismatched gender identifier might expose a traveller to abuse from foreign officials. It might be ruled invalid when submitted for lodging, medical care, or other services while overseas. It will not match other vital documents that can/must be updated when someone transitions.

This also threatens cisgender American citizens who may have been issued the wrong gender marker by accident. This E0 means that those with this issue are now going to be trapped with a passport that may mismatch their state ID and possibly even their SSN, and mismatched IDs can create all kinds of legal headaches.

I implore the office to protect us by documenting and verifying our citizenship, and produce an identity document that is valid to travel so we all may safely go about our respective business. You have a constitutional and legal duty to do this in a way that supports us, and not in a way that harms us. If the office fails to do this, you are violating your legal and constitutional duties to the public.

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