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Requiring a passport to reflect a person's sex-assigned-at-birth (SAAB) rather than the gender they both identify with and appear as (e.g. a transman who looks like a man even though his SAAB was female), is harmful to the individual and is an intrusion on their privacy. Not only does it "out" the person who appears to male, but was assigned female at birth, or the person who appears to be a woman, but was assigned male at birth to whomever views their passport, but it places them in potential danger from individuals who may choose to harass or physically harm them because they have been "outed" as transgender. This also is a safety concern in terms of identification. If you are only using the photo of the individual for identification, then why also ask for the sex? The assumption is that the appearance of the person in the photo should match the description of such person. However, if (for example) the photo is of a male person but the sex says "female" then how can agents checking a passport be sure that this is a valid passport or that the photo or information hasn't been switched? Finally, if someone has gone through whatever steps are required by the state they live in to have their identification reflect the gender they identify with and appear as, they should not be required by the US government to have a passport that reflects otherwise. This change in policy should not be made.