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I object to the policy change of replacing "gender" with "sex" on the US Passport application. Executive Order 14168 is invasive, demeaning, a misuse of federal time and money, and an attack on individual freedom and liberty.

I, a cisgender woman, am the population this policy change purports to protect, yet it is this order that I find invasive and predatory. Why should I have to prove my sex in order to update my passport? Is the government going to pay for DNA testing? Why, exactly, does the government need detailed information about my reproductive system in order to identify me? No trans person has ever asked me these kinds of questions. How, exactly, are they the predators?

An identity document should absolutely prioritize gender identity over personal medical details. The passport doesn't use a citizen's photo or address at birth, because that would be useless for identifying the person now. Likewise, sex at birth is useless for identifying the person now. All of us, including transgender people, need accurate and consistent identity documents that reflect who we are. That's what IDs are for. It is a burden on ALL passport applicants, transgender and cisgender alike, to be asked for evidence of our biological sex at birth, and a waste of government time and resources to require State Department employees to research this information. It is none of the federal government's business to track down these private details about us, and it is a blatant waste of federal money.

The Constitution itself enshrines the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. This policy update serves no practical purpose, and it is a transparent attack on the Constitutionally-promised rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness of transgender people, at the expense of federal funds, resources, and the time and money of all hardworking American citizens to exercise their right to obtain a passport. This is not my America. This is not the land of the free.

State Department, I urge you to reject this policy change –do not take away the rights of trans, intersex, and nonbinary citizens to obtain a passport that reflects who they are, a right we've had here in the United States for over 30 years.