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Attached please find my letter regarding a person's gender on their passport. I strongly support transgender people's gender on a passport reflect the sex to which they have transitioned. Please keep in mind that these people, particularly those who have had surgery and take hormones, do not look like their birth sex. Their bodies are no longer reflect their birth sex because of surgery, transgender men often have beards, transgender women have often had electrolysis so they do not have beards, not to mention the lack of or addition of breasts and genitalia. A passport is used as identification. When a person does not look like their birth sex people, such as TSA, will think their passport is fake. From experience, my son after he transitioned, but had not yet renewed his passport to reflect his transitioned sex, had a lot of trouble in airports. He was always pulled aside and patted down. Once his passport said male, he has not had that problem. Also, his driver's license says male, so it makes sense that all documents should be consistent.

Please read my letter for more details and more arguments that a transgender individual's passport should reflect their physical appearance, and not their birth sex. The issue affects identification, safety, and privacy.

Thank you!!!