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Comments Received :

I express strong opposition to the proposed changes to form DS-82 requiring applicants to list their "biological sex at birth" rather than their legal gender. This constitutes a discriminatory change creating an unnecessary obstacle for transgender and intersex citizens applying for renewal or accurate passport documents. This will create conflicting information between state and federal documents, lead to unnecessary difficulties and potential mishaps when traveling abroad.

In my case, the State of California recognizes my legal sex as female, but these proposed changes force me to have a passport with conflicting information that poses a threat to my safety when I travel abroad.

I strongly ask the State Department to withdraw this proposal.