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The proposed change to request the applicant's biological sex at birth, not their current gender, is at odds with the function of a passport. If a woman who has changed her surname after marriage should have that surname represented on her current passport, why shouldn't passports also represent a person's current gender identity? Of course, a passport is renewed over a person's life to more accurately reflect their identity and appearance as time proceeds—it doesn't make sense to rely only on a person's birth characteristics to represent them in personal identification documents like this. We need updated photos every ten years (fewer for children) and everything else should also be updated! Also, people are born intersex and may continue to be intersex without surgical intervention. Limiting identification to male or female forces intersex people to lie about their identity, which is also contrary to the purpose of a personal identification document.