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I strongly oppose the proposed changes to the DS-82 Passport Renewal Form that would require applicants to list their "biological sex at birth" instead of their gender. This policy is unnecessary and harmful, especially for transgender, nonbinary, and intersex Americans who already face challenges when updating their accurate identification.

Forcing a mismatch between state IDs and passports will cause confusion, delays, and potential discrimination for these Americans. It could also expose individuals to harassment when traveling or applying for jobs. The current self-attestation system has worked well and should remain established.

Nothing can be more efficient than trusting Americans and letting them self-attest that their information is correct.

I urge the State Department to reconsider this change and ensure all individuals can renew their passports with the correct gender marker without facing additional barriers.