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The proposed changes to Form DS-5504 requiring Americans to list their "biological sex at birth" instead of their gender are unnecessary and harmful. Many people rely on this form to update their passports after legally changing their names or correcting an error, and this additional requirement will create needless obstacles.

By disregarding legal name and gender marker changes that have already been approved by state agencies, this rule could lead to document mismatches that put transgender, nonbinary, and intersex Americans at risk of discrimination, travel delays, and even job insecurity. A passport is a vital document, and the ability to update it should not come with invasive and irrelevant questions about a person's assigned sex at birth.

Americans should have the freedom to efficiently update their documents to all match!

I urge the State Department to withdraw this proposal and allow individuals to correct or update their passports without unnecessary and discriminatory hurdles.