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Every U.S. citizen deserves to receive identification, including passports, that matches who they are. This is a matter of public safety as well as a right to privacy, ensuring individuals have the right to travel, seek employment, and interact with the government/law enforcement without undue scrutiny or discrimination. A passport applicant's valid and current identity documentation should be sufficient for identity verification. Applicants should not be required to go back and locate documentation that demonstrates proof of sex at birth as this is an unreasonable burden on the applicant and the state of issuance.

It is a burden on passports applicants to be asked for evidence of biological sex at birth, particularly as individuals who may have had changes to their birth certificate may no longer be able to access their original birth certificate content. Additionally it is a waste of government time and resources to require State Department employees to research this information. Individuals have a right to privacy and it should not be within the purview of the federal government to question current documentation issued by a State. In addition to infringing on an individual's privacy, requiring past document also infringes on a state's independent authority to issue updated/corrected or new documentation and to have that documentation relied upon. Individual states may also be unable to provide past documentation due to overwriting the system with updated information and as such this will disenfranchise individuals who do not have access to their documentation. This is an undue burden on passport applicants.

Requiring this information also undermines the scientific fact that sex can vary and scientific knowledge and developments have updated over time and may not be reflected in previously issued documentation. Individual identities vary based on a variety of factors including biological, genetic, hormonal, and environmental - and failure to acknowledge this variance across individuals is to deny scientific realities in favor of archaic precepts on sex. Currently issued documentation should be relied upon as a result.

Requiring documentation of sex at birth, is problematic for all of the reasons noted above - due to privacy issues of the individual, the right of a state to issue and have acknowledged their state issued documentation, and a failure to recognize the scientific reality given the biological, genetic, hormonal and environmental variations that can impact sex which is knowledge gained over time and reflected in updated paperwork. As such this documentation should not be required when requesting a passport. The applicant's current identity documentation should be accepted for a passport application and the sex listed on that current documentation should be sufficient for identity verification as it is documented by the State.