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I strongly oppose the proposed changes to passport policies that would deny accurate gender markers to transgender and intersex individuals. For over 30 years, trans and intersex people have had the ability to obtain passports that reflect their identity, allowing them to travel, work, and live safely without undue scrutiny.

This policy change would:

Force trans and intersex individuals to out themselves whenever they present identification, increasing their risk of discrimination, harassment, and violence.

Make international travel more dangerous for transgender and intersex Americans, especially in countries where their identity may be criminalized.

Contradict the fundamental principles of privacy and equality, imposing unnecessary bureaucratic barriers that serve no legitimate security purpose.

An individual's right to accurate identification is a matter of personal dignity, legal recognition, and safety. The U.S. government should be ensuring all citizens have access to accurate and secure identification, not rolling back rights that have been in place for decades.

I urge the State Department to reject this harmful and regressive policy and maintain the current passport guidelines that allow trans and intersex individuals to obtain IDs that accurately reflect their gender.