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Subject: Docket Number: Public Notice 12265

Title: 30-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Application for a U.S. Passport (Form DS-11)

OMB Control Number: 1405-0004

Dear Director Smith:

I am writing to express my objection to the changes being proposed in the *Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Application for a U.S. Passport (Form DS-11)* as outlined in docket Public Notice 12265.

As stated in the *Notice of Proposed Information Collection*, this change is in response to Executive Order (E.O.) 14168, titled "Defending Women from Gender Ideology Extremism and Restoring Biological Truth to the Federal Government." This E.O. is scientifically unsound and morally repugnant. The changes your office is proposing serve only to stigmatize an already marginalized segment of U.S. citizens. The reversal of the request from "gender" to "sex" and the insistence of registering the biological sex at birth will result in confusion and chaos as different passports exist (those issued prior to the E.O. vs those after) for as long as ten years. Finally, this change will do little to "defend women," but likely imperil those who do not fall within a narrow definition of woman.

This change is wrong. I urge you to reverse this request and to choose to be on the right side of history. As a reminder, "following orders" has never been sufficient to justify an immoral act.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment.

I remain,
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