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Re: Application for a U.S. Passport

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President Trump issued an executive order attempting to deny that trans and intersex people exist, and denying them equal rights and treatment under the law. But trans people are our friends, our neighbors, our coworkers, and our family members.

I do not support this type of discrimination in my country. I urge you to reject this policy change.

All of us, including transgender people, need accurate and consistent identity documents that reflect who we are. That's what IDs are for.

Every citizen deserves a U.S. passport that matches who they are to ensure they can safely travel, obtain employment, interact with law enforcement, and go about their daily lives without fear of harassment, undue scrutiny, and discrimination.

It is a burden on passport applicants to be asked for evidence of our biological sex at birth, and a waste of government time and resources to require State Department employees to research this information. It is none of the federal government's business to track down private information. And it is counter-productive for busy TSA workers in airports to be presented with documents which are potentially confusing on the face of it.

We rely on our federal government to be thoughtful, well-reasoned, and fair to all Americans, yet this new policy provides no thought, reason, or fairness. Instead, it targets a small population of the US, and denies them identification documents they necessary to safely travel and go about their lives.

The suggested change in policy demands that US citizens be treated like breeding a livestock, rather than free individuals. and the entire motivation for this is based in the inhumane and intentional oppression of a relatively small group of people who should not be forced to withstand further oppression.

State Department, I urge you to reject this policy change. Do not take away the rights of trans and intersex citizens to obtain a passport which reflects who they are, a right citizens have had in the United States of America since the 1900's.