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I'm writing to decry the changing of the gender marker on the passports of trans citizens. The President's executive order attempts to deny that trans and intersex people exist and denies 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.

All of us, including transgender people, need accurate and consistent identity documents that reflect who we are. That's the point of ID's. These documents allow us to travel, start new jobs, open bank accounts, and enroll in school.

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. A trans person whose sex marker does not match their appearance, does not match their identity is going to create problems.

It is a waste of government time and resources to require State Department employees to research the biological sex, determined at birth, of applicants. It is none of the federal government's business to track down these private details about us.

This policy targets a small population of the United States and denies them identification documents they need to safely travel and go about their lives.

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 that reflects who they are, a right we've had here in the United States for over 30 years.