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My comment is in response to the proposal issued by the State Department on February 14, 2025, to update form DS-11, "Application for a U.S.Passport" (OMB control # 1405-0004).

Gender should be maintained and not replaced by sex determination at birth. An individual is not a reproductive system of flesh and bones only. It is very complex. Science has demonstrated that the sex that is observed at birth does not always reflect who the gender of the person is. Genetics and chemicals have a heavy weight on the individual's gender (Amanda Montanez, Beyond XX and XY and the extraordinary complexity of sex determination, September 1, 2017, www.scientificamerican.com). The lack of recognition of the individual's gender identity is a human rights abuse (United Nations Human Rights, OHCHR and the Rights of LGBTI People). No American should be in a position of being abused because they are trans. Respecting every individual's gender identity does not impact the safety and the dignity of women who identify their gender as fitting their sexual organs. Nothing to do either with the American System, which is a federal economic policy from the 19th century and has nothing to do with moral values. Trust in the government arises from the mutual respect of each individual's gender.