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The State Department has proposed updates to remove the “X” gender marker option, replace the word “gender” with “sex”, and force applicants to apply with the gender assigned to them at birth on passport applications, renewals, and name change forms. These measures are discriminatory, create dangerous travel barriers for transgender, nonbinary, and intersex people, infringe on the basic right of self-determination, and attempt to erase legal acknowledgment of gender-diverse people’s existence.

I totally disagree with these proposed updates and urge the State Department to reconsider.