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I urge you to reject this policy change. President Trump issued an executive order attempting to deny that trans, intersex, and nonbinary 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.

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

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 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, intersex, and nonbinary citizens to obtain a passport that reflects who they are, a right we've had here in the United States for over 30 years.