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Dear State Department,

I do not want my tax dollars used on the proposed passport policy change that would deny accurate identification to trans and intersex individuals. This policy reversal represents a significant step backward, erasing decades of progress and undermining the rights and dignity of trans and intersex people.

Requiring trans and intersex individuals to out themselves every time they present an ID is not only deeply invasive but also poses serious risks to their safety and well-being. It opens the door to discrimination, harassment, and violence in routine situations, such as traveling, seeking medical care, or completing financial transactions. Accurate identification is a basic human right, and this policy would effectively force trans and intersex individuals to choose between their safety and their authenticity.

This policy also stands in stark contrast to the values of equality and inclusion that our country should champion. It reinforces harmful stereotypes and further marginalizes an already vulnerable community. Rather than rolling back protections, the State Department should be advancing policies that affirm and protect the rights of all individuals, regardless of their gender identity.

I strongly urge you to abandon this harmful proposal and maintain the current guidelines that allow trans and intersex individuals to obtain passports that reflect their true selves. Please prioritize the safety, dignity, and rights of every American. Thank you for taking the time to consider my comment.