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I oppose the proposed change to the DS-11 passport application. The proposed change requires applicants to list their "biological sex" and does not allow for an X gender marker.

The proposed change is unnecessary. Several states allow gender markers to be updated on state-issued IDs, including X gender markers, and the confusion resulting in mismatched IDs would place an undue burden on both the ID holder and any agency seeking to verify identity.

It also ignores the existence of intersex people, who cannot accurately choose either an 'M' or 'F' gender marker. The proposed change ignores legal precedent, such as the Zzyym v. Blinken case which resulted in the US State District Court for the District of Colorado ordered the US Department of State to issue a passport with an 'X' gender marker.

The proposed change will cause unnecessary confusion and inefficiency. It will create opportunities for discrimination and harassment for travelers, job applicants, or on other occasions individuals are required to provide ID.