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Comments Received:

I oppose the proposed change to form DS-82 for passport renewal, which would require individuals to list "biological sex at birth" instead of their gender, and does not allow for an "X" marker.

This change ignores the fact that intersex people exist who may not be able to accurately choose between an "M" or "F" marker. This is both biological fact and has legal precedent in the Zzyym v. Blinken case, in which the US Department of State was enjoined to recognize Zzyym's intersex identity and issue a passport with an "X" marker.

Many states allow individuals to change gender markers and use an "X" marker on state issued IDs. To force a mismatch between a state issued ID would cause confusion, which could lead to delays that whole groups of people and not just the individual with mismatched gender markers.

The proposed change also opens up opportunities for harassment and discrimination. It's cruel and unecessary when the current system of self-determination is working well.