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## **Comments Received:**

There is no point in changing the previous regulations that had been in place regarding the changing of gender and name on a persons passport. If the person has transitioned medically, the sole purpose of the passport, which is identification, will be useless, if it does not reflect the persons gender. If someone has gone through the necessary steps, they do not need the extra pain that comes with not being able to travel or identify themselves. No one is harmed by people being able to change their gender marker. At most it costs the government more since they have wasted man hours at the border, since everyone is just confused and hurt by the outside presentation after physical transition and the gender marker being opposite. Years ago the rules were changed to allow people to change their information after proper requirements had been met, why is now the time to regress as a nation and make individuals, whose lives are hard enough, even harder. There is no benefit to national security or anything of the sort through these changes. Intersex people are given no options with these sorts of regulations, even though they do not have a biological gender that falls neatly within one of these boxes. The president does not have the authority to interfere with medical processes and procedures that are considered to be best practice around the world, while simultaneously making the purpose of a passport, identification, more difficult. Genetics have shown that sex does not fall into these categories, as there are genetic differences even amongst the chromosomes. Furthermore the time spent sorting through peoples records in order to reissue passports is a massive waste of taxpayer money, for something that does not even serve a practical purpose, besides making life more difficult, for American citizens and government employees, including those guarding the border. This change works against the rights of the individual US states to create their own rules regarding the changing of gender markers, that already often require physician verification and court decisions. This is a waste of government funds and an infringement on the individual rights of American citizens. These changes are a step back for the development of the US and go against previous court rulings. The proposed changes do nothing, besides make the passport useless as an identification document for intersex individuals and those who have completely undergone a medical transition, and make their lives unnecessarily painful. These changes in now way protect women, they simply hurt the taxpayers and other American citizens who are supposed to be guaranteed the same rights to self expression as everyone else. Both economically and on the level of human decency, it makes far more sense to keep previous regulations regarding the change of a persons gender marker in place.