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My comment is in opposition to the proposed changes to the US Passport Renewal Applications.

Research states that support for the identities of transgender people shows positive health outcomes; while "family and societal rejection of gender identity are some of the strongest predictors of mental health difficulties among people who are transgender". Additionally research indicates that "legal affirmation may involve changing name and gender markers on various forms of government identification".

The proposed passport changes do not align with research and they do not support transgender peoples' identities. If these changes are passed we as a country will likely see increased adverse health outcomes.

Please do not make unnecessary and harmful changes to the US Passport Renewal Application.

<https://www.psychiatry.org/patients-families/gender-dysphoria/what-is-gender-dysphoria#:~:text=Psychological%20attempts%20to%20force%20a%20transgender%20person,been%20linked%20to%20adverse%20mental%20health%20outcomes.&text=Transgender%20people%20suffer%20from%20high%20levels%20of,increased%20rates%20of%20other%20mental%20health%20disorders.>

<https://whatweknow.inequality.cornell.edu/topics/lgbt-equality/what-does-the-scholarly-research-say-about-the-well-being-of-transgender-people/>