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The proposed changes to passport gender markers under Executive Order 14168 represent a massive and unnecessary waste of government resources, both in administrative costs and manpower. Updating federal systems to eliminate previously approved gender marker changes requires extensive reprogramming, form redesign, and retraining of staff—all at the taxpayer's expense. Even more inefficient is the requirement to research and verify an applicant's original gender, which would involve pulling birth records from state agencies, many of which have already legally recognized gender changes. This not only places an undue burden on already overextended government offices but also violates states' rights by overriding their legal authority to issue amended birth certificates. Moreover, attempting to enforce a rigid, birth-assigned gender classification infringes upon the rights of transgender individuals to self-identify, a fundamental aspect of personal freedom. Redirecting government funds to reverse existing documentation—especially when no legitimate security or fraud concerns have been cited—sets a dangerous precedent of bureaucratic overreach and is an egregious misallocation of federal resources.