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Summary: The proposed changes to Field 3 (Page 1) on this form are stressful, stigmatizing, and otherwise burdensome. Revert them back to the previous version.

-Allow the applicant to self-identify as "M", "F", or "X"

-Allow the applicant to mark whether they are updating their Gender Marker

-Label the field as Gender rather than Sex.

-Revert the instructions regarding Field 3 to their previous version (prior to 2025) so that it refers to gender identity rather than biological sex at birth

I have four friends I know personally who have been deeply stressed and burdened by this change. They are no longer able to get passports that match their gender identity--depriving them of the legitimacy enjoyed by other Americans. This change, like the Executive Order it stems from, is a blatant attempt at erasing, persecuting, and discriminating against people on the grounds of their gender identity. This actively hurts and stigmatizes all non-binary, intersex, and transgender people. It is an attempt to invalidate them through not allowing them to have legal written recognition.

Furthermore, science backs that there are more than two genders, and that the categorization of sex is neither binary nor ironclad--as seen in the case of intersex people. The Executive Order and the passport form change following it are both based in misconceptions and a desire to erase and invalidate vulnerable minorities (trans, non-binary, and intersex people). I cannot think of a more stressful, stigmatizing, and burdensome change than this.

Changes Needed:

-Revert entirely back to the previous version. Reject the proposed alterations of 2025.

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