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I strongly oppose the proposed changes to the DS-82 Passport Renewal Form that will require require applicants to list their "biological sex at birth" instead of their gender. This policy is wasteful and inaccurate. The listing of "biological sex at birth" ignores the existence of intersex individuals, and is harmful to transgender and non-binary individuals.

Forcing a mismatch between state and federal ID's will create confusion and delays. This policy creates dangerous situations when people's appearances don't align with their "biological sex at birth". Why waste resources changing a functioning system? I just renewed my passport and got my new one in less than 3 weeks un-expedited. That's an efficient system. Why reverse all the progress and changes that were made to get to that level of efficiency?

I urge the State Department to reconsider this change and ensure all individuals can renew their passports with the correct gender marker without facing additional barriers.