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The American Medical Association has stated, "Empirical evidence has demonstrated that trans and non-binary gender identities are normal variations of human identity and expression." Multiple major medical societies have supported health care for transgender individuals, recognizing that trans and non-binary gender identities are not pathological. Therefore, the proposed changes to passport renewal application forms requesting biological sex at birth have no rational foundation, ignore medical conditions such as intersex variations, ignore transgender individuals who have transitioned to their gender identity, and is unnecessarily discriminatory. The proposed changes only serve create anxiety and hardship for a vulnerable population. As a physician and professor of medicine I am vehemently opposed to the proposed changes.