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## **Comments Received:**

I do not believe this policy change will be beneficial or efficient. For the majority of people, there will be no notable change to their passports and putting more effort into verifying their original documentation will just waste government time. There will also likely be an increase in documentation being interpreted as fake, both among trans/intersex people who are consistently read as a different sex than what will be listed on their documentation and among cis people who are gender non-conforming, leading to increased time spent confirming documentation is valid. And for what benefit? It doesn't help with segregation of single-sex spaces; people don't generally show their passport to enter a bathroom. It barely helps with "truth in government" even if we assume sex can be biologically differentiated at conception in a way that matters; it'd be more efficient (and 100% accurate) to drop gender markers all together.

Overall this policy will lead to passport applications being less efficient for everyone for no apparent purpose beyond making travel extra inefficient for less than 2% of the population. It's a waste of time and I urge the State Department to reject it.