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## **Comments Received:**

I am writing to vehemently oppose the unnecessary and discriminatory proposed changes to the US Passport application. Transgender people present ZERO threat to other US citizens or national security from having an accurate gender marker on their passport. Being forced to carry ID that does not correspond to their legal name is problematic and may lead to travel denials and other issues. Carrying id that labels them as one gender while they are fully presenting as another subjects trans and non-binary citizens to potential violence, harassment and embarrassment. These changes are purely designed to discourage trans people from coming out and participating in society. For those whose transitions happened years ago, imagine the confusion and chaos that would result from having a passport that does not correspond to travel documents, banking and credit cards, and other forms of ID. I cannot imagine any motivation other than punishment, intimidation, and discrimination against trans and non-binary citizens. This would be a huge step backward for the USA.