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I strongly oppose the proposed rule that would change the DS-5504 form to reflect “sex assigned at birth.”

This policy denies the scientific reality that intersex and transgender people exist. Furthermore, this effort is a waste of taxpayer dollars and time when the government is espousing that they are improving efficiency.

Requiring “sex assigned at birth” on a US Passport serves no valid security or identity verification purpose. It merely exposes transgender and intersex US citizens to potential discrimination and harassment while using their passport to travel internationally. Additionally, it puts all citizens regardless of gender/sex at risk of being harassed by travel agents under suspicion that they are not the gender/sex listed on their passport.

It is the duty of the US Government to protect all US citizens, not just a select few. I urge the administration to reverse this policy and uphold passport policy that respects the dignity and safety of its citizens.

No matter what legal measures are put in place to suppress transgender people, we will still prevail. You cannot take our joy, our passion, or our love away from us. We shall overcome your hate and arbitrary sex designations!