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I'd like to comment on the presumable waste of time, dollars, and energy surrounding gender markers on new passport applications. The Department of State seems to be working hard to meet the standards of an executive order that is at best an over-reach of power, and at worst, dangerous to all American citizens. To me, it looks like an unconstitutional affront to freedom of speech and represents the federal government taking sole authority to define and enforce its own version of scientific fact.

That aside, in this day and age, why not simply remove gender markers from passports for efficiency's sake?

As an American citizen, taxpayer, and passport holder who is "biologically female" as the executive order states, I am not, in fact, being protected from extreme gender ideology when trans people lose their right to self-expression and freedom of speech, and are treated in this dehumanizing manner by the federal government.

My own freedoms are actively at risk from this administration's disregard for my fellow American citizens' constitutional rights and their encroachment on all of our state and individual rights.