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I oppose the change in regulations that requires first time passport applicants to state their "biological sex at birth" rather than their gender identity. Many transgender people have already legally changed their gender on identification documents, and a discrepancy between documents could threaten their ability to travel, to open bank accounts, to work, and to generally live their daily lives without fear of persecution. I have friends and loved ones whose appearance no longer 'matches' their designated sex at birth, and to have incorrect information on their identification documents is not just bullying and hurtful, but also dangerous. Transgender people have been able to change their documents for years without any ill effect -- to force them to do otherwise now is needless persecution and a waste of government resources. If we are truly looking to create a more efficient government, this new regulation is the opposite.