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I am strongly against the proposed rule to the DS-82 Passport Renewal that would mandate applicants to state their "biological sex at birth" instead of their gender identity. This requirement would create a significant and unjust barrier for transgender, nonbinary, and intersex people renewing their passports.

Requiring disclosure of sex assigned at birth overlooks the fact that many states now permit changes to gender markers on official documents. This policy could result in discrepancies between identification documents, potentially exposing individuals to discrimination, job-related challenges, limitations on travel, and could create serious personal safety issues for individuals whose expressed gender and/or hormonal profiles do not match their sex assigned at birth. Transgender, non-binary, and intersex people will be excluded from the right to secure accurate federal identification that matches their state identification under this proposal. The option to select an accurate gender marker has been in place without problems and there is no valid reason to undo this progress.