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Comments Received:

I am a US citizen and Michigan resident.

I oppose the change to the passport renewal application that would require all applicants to affirm that they are not required to register as sex offenders. This requirement is unnecessary and overly broad. US customs authorities already coordinate with law enforcement to collect information about criminal convictions and restrictions such as active personal protection orders; citizens who are not sex offenders should not have to waste their time asserting innocence of which the government is already aware. Furthermore, though the proposal claims this will improve compliance with International Megan's Law, not everyone required to register as a sex offender is guilty of crimes against a minor. Infractions such as public urination can also result in a sex offender registration requirement. This requirement is too broad and will unjustly restrict the travel of people who are not subject to restrictions under International Megan's Law.