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I am a transgender man. I medically transitioned 20 years ago. All of my identity documents indicate that I am male. No one looking at me thinks I am female. If I were to enter a women's restroom, women would feel unsafe and the police would be called. This new passport application requires that I receive a passport with a female gender marker. In the past, when I had identity documents that did not match my appearance, I was harassed by airport security, employees at the DMV, supervisors at work, etc. Requiring that I again receive identity documents that do not match my gender identity and appearance subjects me to the risk of renewed harassment, which, in the current climate, is even more likely to escalate to physical violence or sexual assault. I find it tough to stomach that this is what my government intends for me to suffer for being trans, but so it is.