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To whom it may concern,

I would like to express my opposition to the changes being pushed in relation to EO 14168 regarding gender / sex identification on passports.

First, the concept of binary sex seems overly simplistic, even from a purely scientific standpoint. Biology is not that simple. I don't believe there is much XX/XY testing being done at birth, and the expression of sexual characteristics in a newborn is quite variable.

Second, for those individuals whose identity does not match a determination made at birth, the ability to function in society could be compromised, as could their mental well-being. Both of which could produce an additional burden on them, their family, their employers, and society at large.

Third, our country's history has, in many ways, been defined by the struggle to fulfill the promise of "all men are created equal", esp in the areas of land ownership, race, and gender. We improved ourselves and our country every time we enlarged the groups which were accepted as "first-class" citizens.

Finally, I would think that we would want to make life easier on CBP staff. If someone presents as anything other than their birth sex, this could add to their workload, reducing the attention paid to more important areas.