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I am writing to oppose the proposed changes to the Passport renewal process. The proposed changes would discriminate against transgender, nonbinary, and intersex people, and would erase one critical form of legal acknowledgement of gender-diverse people's existence.

According to a recent study by the Williams Institute at U.C.L.A., an estimated 1.3 million adults in the U.S. identify as transgender or gender nonconforming, and as many as 5 million Americans may be intersex.

By making the proposed changes to the passport renewal process, the federal government would create new barriers in the daily lives of the millions of members of the LGBTQ+ community, exacerbate their fear of harassment and add a new level of anxiety about unpredictable and unsafe travel experiences. Please do not make the proposed changes to the renewal form.