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I strongly object to the proposed revisions to the DS-82 Passport Renewal Form, which would require applicants to indicate their "biological sex at birth" rather than their gender. This change is unnecessary and will disproportionately impact transgender, nonbinary, and intersex individuals who already encounter difficulties in obtaining accurate identification.

Imposing inconsistencies between state-issued IDs and passports will create administrative hurdles, increase processing delays, and heighten the risk of discrimination. It may also expose individuals to safety concerns while traveling or seeking employment. The existing self-attestation process has functioned effectively and should remain in place.

Additionally as an OB/GYN physician I know that physical sex characteristics and genetic sex do not always match- though these are a small number of people they will face an unfair burden and loss of health information privacy in proving their 'legitimate' sex.

Trans people who have had surgery will additionally face unfair privacy violations and additionally screening individuals will be complicated and this may decrease ability to maintain security where people prefer same sex situations and separation.

I urge the State Department to reject this harmful policy and ensure all individuals can renew their passports without additional obstacles.

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