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To whom it may concern,

Attached, please find Family Equality Council's comments on Proposed forms DS-5520 (Supplemental Questionnaire to Determine Identity for a U.S. Passport) and DS-5513 (Supplemental Questionnaire to Determine Entitlement for a U.S. Passport.)

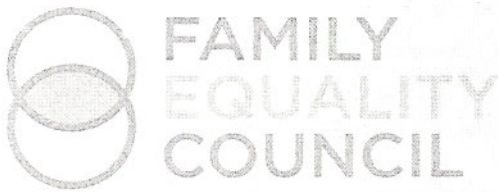
We appreciate this opportunity to comment on these critical forms.

Best,  
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January 3, 2012

Passport Services  
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Re: Proposed Information Collection: DS-5520, Supplemental Questionnaire to Determine Identity for a U.S. Passport, 1405-XXXX

To whom it may concern:

Family Equality Council, the national organization working to ensure full social and legal equality for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) parents and their children by providing direct support, educating the American public, and securing inclusion in legislation, policies, and practices impacting families, thanks the U.S. Department of State for the opportunity to comment on proposed form DS-5520, Supplemental Questionnaire to Determine Identity for a U.S. Passport. Family Equality submitted comments in April on proposed form DS-5513 and would like to thank the Department for incorporating several of our suggestions when drafting proposed form DS-5520. Below, however, we address several remaining concerns about proposed forms DS-5520 and DS-5513.

### **Remaining Concerns**

Proposed form DS-5520 retained the questions asking for the birth and citizenship of an applicant's siblings. This information may be impossible to obtain for adopted or fostered applicants.

### **DS-5520 and DS-5513**

The supporting documents accompanying proposed form DS-5520 indicate that the original proposed form DS-5513 was split into two forms: the current proposed DS-5520, Supplemental Questionnaire to Determine Identity for a U.S. Passport, and another version of proposed DS-5513, Supplemental Questionnaire to Determine Entitlement for a U.S. Passport. We have been unable to obtain a copy of the proposed form DS-5513, but we reiterate our concerns on the previous form's overly burdensome and invasive questions, particularly information about an where an applicant's mother was living or working at the time of the applicant's birth or details about an applicant's non-institutional birth, such as the names and addresses of the people in attendance.

### **Guidance Requested**

We are concerned about the lack of guidance indicating when this supplementary form will be required. Given the sensitive and private nature of much of the information requested and the potential difficulties in gathering much of the requested supplementary information, we believe that strict clear guidelines as to how

and when this form will be used are essential. We request that the Department promulgate guidance as to when the supplementary form will be required and to what extent applicants are expected to complete the form so that use of the form is consistent and not arbitrary.

Again, we thank you for your continued work on these issues and we appreciate the opportunity to provide input. We would be happy to meet with the Department to discuss any of the above comments.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jennifer Chrisler".

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I am not clear on what you are requesting to change. What is the difference between the way things are handled now and what you are asking?

Thank you,  
Conie Blake

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DS-5534  
DS-5520

This is an insane idea. It is an invasion of a US citizen's privacy and for millions of people, impossible to answer accurately or completely. **Abandon this impractical and ineffective renewal form.**