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**Congress of the United States**  
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The Honorable Antony Blinken  
United States Secretary of State  
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Dear Secretary Blinken,

We write to you in response to your announcement on March 31, 2022 that the Department of State would begin to allow U.S. citizens to select “X” as their gender marker on their U.S. passport application.<sup>1</sup>

This is a deeply troubling decision for a variety of reasons. First, for an administration that claims to follow the science, it is interesting to see which aspects of science you choose to ignore. Men are men and women are women. That is a biological fact. And you do not need to be a biologist to figure that out.

This decision makes a mockery of science, and we believe you know deep down this makes a joke of science. Your press statement highlighted your June announcement, which allowed U.S. passport applicants to self-select their gender regardless of whether they provided medical documentation, “even if their selected gender differed from their other citizenship or identity documents.”<sup>2</sup>

The second troubling aspect is that you are changing the wording on a passport from sex to gender. Currently passport applications ask for “sex”, and passports themselves, as well as most driver’s licenses and birth certificates list “sex.” Sex is indisputable, and swapping out sex for gender only undermines the science further.

Third, this is yet another example of your department’s concerning priorities. In a little more than a year, you have overseen a record of failure. From the disgusting and inexcusable collapse of Afghanistan, to the lackluster response of the growing threat posed by Communist China, to

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.state.gov/x-gender-marker-available-on-u-s-passports-starting-april-11/>

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the failed diplomatic efforts to prevent the invasion of Ukraine, your leadership at the State Department has proven incompetent and embarrassing. In spite of these failures, the State Department has devoted time and resources to not only this unscientific endeavor, but also to such unimportant issues as promoting your recommended Spotify playlist. As you may recall, the official State Department Twitter tweeted out your recommended Spotify playlist eight times in the span of a few weeks, meanwhile Americans remain trapped in Afghanistan.<sup>3</sup>

This decision is yet another disturbing example of the Biden Administration giving in to the far-left woke minority, and it is even more embarrassing for an administration that claims to follow the science. While your competence as Secretary of State is as credible as the science behind this announcement, it would serve you well to reverse this decision. Maybe then, the American people would begin to believe the hollow rhetoric that the Biden Administration follows the science.

Sincerely,



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<sup>3</sup> <https://nypost.com/2022/01/03/state-dept-slammed-for-repeatedly-tweeting-blinkens-spotify-playlist/>



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