
From: Rebekah Gillum <rgillum90@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 26, 2019 8:03 AM
To: BMV Legal
Subject: Nonbinary options

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I think we shouldn't change.

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Rebekah Gillum

From: Karen Emmett <k.emmett@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Tuesday, November 26, 2019 7:59 AM
To: BMV Legal
Subject: Gender X drivers licenses

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To Whom it Concerns,

Public comments regarding the state of Indiana considering implementing drivers licenses marking driver X

Making addition is allowing false data on the states drivers license and would not be trustworthy as truth of the gender. It compromises the integrity of the license. Emergency medical and law enforcement personnel the need to know a person's actual biological gender to perform their duty in the event of an accident or an arrest.

No matter how an individual choose to characterize them self there are only 2 biological sexes set at birth. Stipulating a person to identify their true biology from birth does not prevent a person from living as a female or a male.

Start something like this turns our Indiana state ID into a tool to encourage or advance a popular political agenda.

Lets keep what is good public policy for the Indiana BMV and not implement a transgender drivers license.

Regards,

Karen Emmett

From: Katrina Simmons <mtownkat@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 26, 2019 7:31 AM
To: BMV Legal
Subject: License gender

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I am against this proposal. There is only 2 sexes. Man and woman. Whether you identify as the opposite of what you were born with or not. You were born one or the other. That should be what is on your license not what you want it to say. You can change your looka but your DNA will always stay the same. Either you were born man or woman and that is it. What your birth certificate says is what your license should say no matter what when it comes to gender.

Thank you!

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

From: kelsier95@gmail.com
Sent: Tuesday, November 26, 2019 7:30 AM
To: BMV Legal
Subject: No to X gender on ID

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Don't need another option. How does this benefit you getting a license, loan, job, etc? What about first responders or airport security personnel who have to do pat downs? Identifying as X is very fluid and can change overnight. Don't accept and cave into the propaganda of a minority that is trying to distort our system of ID'ing. Female and Male are good enough for everyone.

Sincerely,
Concerned Indiana Resident in Southern IN

From: Amanda Sluka <asluka@icloud.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 26, 2019 7:16 AM
To: BMV Legal
Subject: Gender on License

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Absolutely not. There's only 2 genders.

Sent from my iPhone

From: Shannon Harvey <shannonharvey05@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 26, 2019 6:52 AM
To: BMV Legal
Subject: X on driver's license

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First off, I am okay with whoever people want to be. Not my choice, but for identification purposes, I believe there should only be a male or female. The license acts as your ID for flying, police identification (coroners), etc.

Please keep this the same!

Thanks

From: Dr M <bluedoorredgate@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 26, 2019 6:48 AM
To: BMV Legal
Subject: Gender option on license

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There are 2 genders. Two options on the license is sufficient.
Amy Patrick

From: johnny mcfarland <mcfarlandjohnny2@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 26, 2019 6:42 AM
To: BMV Legal
Subject: X

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Their are only 2 Genders, this X debate is Nonsense. So my opinion is Absolutely 100% NO NO NO!!!

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Johnny

From: Amy Kal <poweroften@ymail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 26, 2019 6:34 AM
To: BMV Legal
Subject: Please do not include an X option

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To whom it may concern,
My name is Amy Kalscheur, and I oppose an X option on the drivers license. I live in Indianapolis, IN. Please do not include this option, as I know it will not help law enforcement or doctors (when treatment is needed).
Thank you,
Amy Kalscheur

From: Kelly Grey <k.mgrey@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 26, 2019 5:58 AM
To: BMV Legal
Subject: Gender marker change

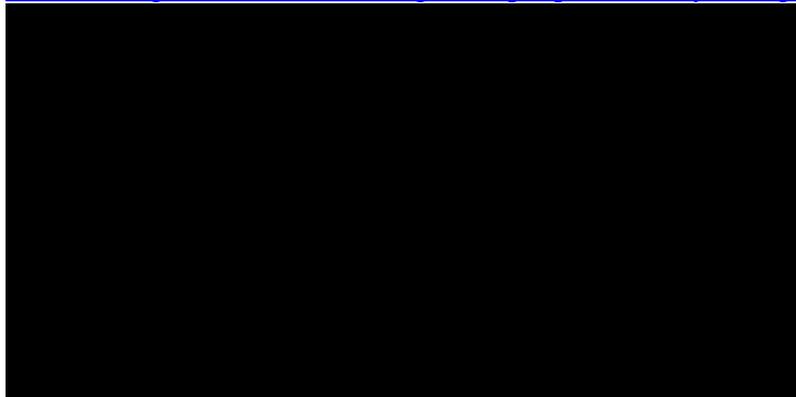
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Good morning,

I would like to see Indiana take a page out of Michigan's book and make the process simple for Hoosiers needing to change their gender marker on a state issued ID.

Michigan has recently changed their rule to a simple form that can be printed, filled out by the applicant, and returned to the Secretary of State. A change of status fee of \$9-10 based on type of identification is charged at that time.

[New Michigan rules allow transgender people to easily change gender on driver's license](#)



New Michigan rules allow transgender people to easily change gender on driver's license

Transgender people in Michigan can now change their gender identity on IDs for \$9. They no longer need a birth certificate, passport or court order.

A more arduous process for gender markers is unequitable, unethical, inefficient, and ineffective.

If sharing information with the Health Department is necessary then, the form could be notarized at the BMV and mailed, scanned and emailed or faxed to the Health Department.

I urge the BMV to make this process as simple as possible.

Sincerely,
Kelly Grey

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

From: Sadie <sadiestokes14@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 26, 2019 5:52 AM
To: BMV Legal
Subject: Call to Action Transgender Rights

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Please continue allowing individuals the right to identify on their license how they identify in their life.

From: Gena Winzeler <w.gena@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 26, 2019 5:50 AM
To: BMV Legal
Subject: Gender X

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I don't think Gender X should be an option on your license.

Sent from my iPhone

From: Cliff Pappé <cliff.pappe1@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 26, 2019 5:37 AM
To: BMV Legal
Subject: License gender

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To whom it may concern,

Male and Female. It has worked since the beginning of time. No need to confuse people with an X for their gender.

From: Joshua Black <josh.black1500@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 26, 2019 5:33 AM
To: BMV Legal
Subject: Drivers License Gender Change

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To whom it may concern;

I believe that the debate and discussion about changing the gender category on the drivers licenses in Indiana to include the possibility of a non-binary or other gender illustrates the lack of need for a gender category in the first place. Gender isn't critical information when it comes to evaluating whether or not someone can drive (both in terms of skills and permission from the State). Neither is it critical to other functions for which a license may be used such as voter identification, purchasing alcohol, identifying an organ donor, or helping emergency personnel identify a person in an accident.

The gender category should simply be removed.

Respectfully,

Joshua Black

From: Steven Frady <ratedfrady@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 26, 2019 3:40 AM
To: BMV Legal
Subject: X on ID

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I do not want this listed as an option for gender. Only male and female.

From: karen cothron <kcinindy@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Tuesday, November 26, 2019 12:27 AM
To: BMV Legal
Subject: Gender

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As a former long time employee of the BMV Central Office, I feel the need to express my opinion regarding the gender identity issue.

If an individual is being treated by a physician to “change” their gender, a doctor statement should not be a problem once that change is made. And with this doctor statement, a person should be allowed to update their driver license or ID card in order to change the gender noted on the document. However, because a female (or male) feels like she/he identifies as a male (female) for a while (without gender reassignment) and then change their minds later for whatever reason and wish to return to identify themselves back to their God given gender.. and then changing their gender again on their driver license/ID Card (back and forth on a whim,) destroys the integrity of using their Indiana driver license or ID card as a form of legal identification

When I worked in the Driver License Division, there was never a problem with changing the gender on a person’s driver’s license or ID card when he or she presented a doctor statement and court documentation as required by the federal government to change their gender on their SS records, tax info, etc. Therefore, why is it now becoming an issue when the required documentation of ones “gender reassignment” documenting that person’s “ LEGAL and actual “ gender change has been done and proves that the individual’s gender change occurred.

To accept an individual’s request to change their gender on their driver’s license/ ID card, simply because that’s what they identify themselves as, or dresses like, or has “cosmetically” changed their appearance to appear as a female or male without supporting documentation is asinine in my opinion.

A lot of work has been done particularly since 9-11 to ensure that when an Indiana driver license or ID card is issued to an Indiana resident and is presented as identification, it will be accepted as that person’s legal document proving their identity.

Therefore, if the LGBT organizations have a problem with this requirement... (being a hassle or a form of equality)

TOO BAD! We must quit letting these groups dictate what they think is right and they need to learn to accept the reasons why official and legal documentation to change ones gender on any legal document is necessary! Just because an individual can not afford, etc., gender reassignment is no reason to be allowed to change the gender ID on the driver license or ID card.

Regards,
Karen Cothron

[Sent from AT&T Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

From: Fears, Benjamin <Benjamin.Fears@franklincollege.edu>
Sent: Monday, November 25, 2019 11:57 PM
To: BMV Legal
Subject: Please Let people change their gender marker

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Good afternoon,

Hello, I just wanted to express my support of this bill to let transpeople change their gender marker. I am trans and not being able to have this changed leaves me open for discrimination and hate from healthcare and even traffic stops. I'm a dude, I look like a dude, and my license says otherwise, and that leaves me open for hate

ben

From: Braedyn Kelley <braedyn.kelley@att.net>
Sent: Monday, November 25, 2019 11:53 PM
To: BMV Legal
Subject: Driver's License Gender Options

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I am writing to express my support for the BMV to continue offering the "X" non-binary gender option to Indiana residents through existing means. I strongly oppose your proposed rule change that will make updating one's gender considerably more burdensome.

Braedyn Jaye Kelley
6612 E Jackson St.
Muncie, IN 47403-4529

Brad Pedigo
Sent from my iPad

From: joyce butler <joycebutler325@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, November 25, 2019 11:49 PM
To: BMV Legal
Subject: Gender X

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I absolutely disagree with this! This is going to open up a can of worms you all will be sorry for. Not even with a doctors note, which in turn you would be sued over. This will also create havoc in our judicial system, our jails, our schools. NO NO NO!

Joyce Butler

Sent from my iPhone

From: Tebben <tebben@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 25, 2019 11:44 PM
To: BMV Legal
Subject: Support for non-exclusionary non-binary licensing

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I support a process by which Hoosiers of all backgrounds have equal access to a government identification that accurately reflects their identity. Non-binary or gender fluid Hoosiers should not have additional cost levied on them through medical documentation requirements.

-Tebben Grafelman
Columbus, IN Resident

From: Isaac Puff <ike46802@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 25, 2019 11:38 PM
To: BMV Legal
Subject: Gender

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I think its a good option to allow people to choose. People that want this should be able to do it.

From: Amy Coyle <amyjcoyle@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 25, 2019 11:31 PM
To: BMV Legal
Subject: Add X option to I.D.'s

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We need to accept and include non binary people. Please add X option for gender on I.D.'s.

- Amy Coyle

From: Josh Warren <joshua.t.warren@outlook.com>
Sent: Monday, November 25, 2019 11:22 PM
To: BMV Legal
Subject: "X" as gender option

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Hello,

I wanted to voice my support for having a non-binary gender option on Indiana ID cards for individuals that need it. I also support making this process as seamless as possible, with as few hurdles as reasonably necessary to achieve this.

In short, I don't see any valid concerns as to how this would impact anyone other than the ID holder.

Thank you,

Josh Warren
126 Lions Creek Ct N
Noblesville, IN 46062

From: Kristen Stephens <kristenemail23@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 25, 2019 11:17 PM
To: BMV Legal
Subject: License gender marker

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Licenses are for the people
Carrying them not the opinion of the people who are not on that current ID.

As someone who has been transgender and my gender has been marked as a male for 13 years while I've been living as a female...

I see Indiana's id laws to be dated. What my id says doesn't effect anyone else.

I appreciate your understanding,
Kristen Stephens of Carmel

Sent from my iPhone

From: Ashley Wagner <scallywagner@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 25, 2019 11:07 PM
To: BMV Legal
Subject: Gender on driver's license

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Hi,

I fully support having multiple gender options available on a driver's license, including being able to put X as your gender.

Gender, as you know is a social construct. Sex is a biological condition. However there are more than just two sexes in the human species. It is not just about XX and XY. We also have XXY as well as other combinations biologically inherent in our species.

Gender roles and definitions are constantly changing and we are in the midst of a huge rewrite. And with that those who belong to a sex other than male and female are being more fully recognized and appreciated in society. There are thousands and thousands of intersex individuals in the United States alone. Indiana falls so far behind in other areas that not allowing individuals to use X as their gender would just be another mark against us.

Don't allow our state to continue to be the laughing stock of the Midwest. You must be able to allow people to put X as their gender in order to be inclusive and truly represent every Hoosier accurately.

Furthermore getting a doctor's note is not only classist but also humiliating and inaccessible to the majority of Hoosiers. Most cannot take off work and cannot afford to see a doctor thanks to the state of our health care system.

It is my understanding that the BMV has been allowing people to put X as their gender for quite some time now. And this didn't seem to be a problem until now. The fact that we are having this discussion is a great sign of growth but the fact that we are still debating the validity of individuals identities is embarrassing.

Representation for all Hoosiers. Allow X as a gender option on driver's licenses.

Sincerely,
Ashley W.
Indianapolis

From: Troy Bond <bondtk@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 25, 2019 11:04 PM
To: BMV Legal
Subject: Gender Fluid License

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Indiana BMV:

Saw the article about being able to add "X" as a gender option on your driver's license. Want to voice my opinion IN FAVOR of allowing folks to do this and be represented for how they desire. I support the Indiana Youth Group position.

Thanks for allowing us to voice an opinion.

Sincerely,

Troy Bond

Sent from my iPhone

From: pastorjoeystjohns@etczone.com
Sent: Monday, November 25, 2019 11:04 PM
To: BMV Legal
Subject: Proposed rule change

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To Whom It May Concern,

As a pastor, I have seen the grace of God that loves us as we are. I have understood the message that we are all made in the image of God. This is true for those of us who are cis-gender AND for those who are transgender. I therefore support fully the proposed rule change of LSA Document #19-486. It is only fair and just to allow persons who are trans-gendered to name their truths even on their drivers licenses, especially since even in the proposed rule, they will have to clear several hoops. This is a good change. It is the moral thing to do according to my faith. And it is the right thing to do as a society and state. Please implement it.

Shalom,

Rev. Joseph Feldmann, Batesville, IN

From: Kyle Ingram <kyle.m.ingram@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 25, 2019 11:00 PM
To: BMV Legal
Subject: Support for LSA #19-486

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To whom it may concern:

I write to offer my full support for the BMV's proposed rulemaking regarding procedures to amend gender information on a Driver's License or state-issued identification card.

A Driver's License is so much more than legal proof of driving ability; it is the first impression a person makes to businesses, employers, service providers and government agencies. I believe this to be an important process change by the BMV to ensure all Hoosiers are able to possess state-issued identification that accurately reflects that person's gender identity. I thank the Indiana BMV for taking this critical step to protect its transgender and gender non-conforming citizens.

These relatively minor proposed changes to long-standing BMV regulations offer an appropriate level of government oversight of the process to change a person's gender information on their state-issued identification. That a similar process, the current regulation, has been in place since 2009 without creating noticeable social upheaval or medical chaos should do much to ameliorate the concerns expressed by those opposed to the proposed change on such grounds.

I would like to note that while the proposed language is simple and straightforward with respect to the process to update gender information, I am concerned there is not enough protection for Hoosiers with respect to content of the form that the Indiana State Department of Health will create to certify the physician's statement. I appreciate the provision of the sample ISDH forms for our review, which seems to be aligned with the intent of the proposed rule making. The inclusion of rule language explicitly outlining the proper content of the form would protect Hoosiers from additions to the form so onerous as to effectively deny someone their legal right to update their gender information.

I urge the BMV to include explicit language in the rule outlining the full and complete contents of the form, to protect Hoosiers who would rely on this process to possess a state-issued identification card that accurately reflect their gender identity.

I support the proposed rule change offered in LSA #19-486 and thank you for your consideration of my comments.

Sincerely,
Kyle Ingram
Indiana Resident

From: Tatjana Andric <andric85@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 25, 2019 11:00 PM
To: BMV Legal
Subject: Please allow people to choose X as a gender

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People should be allowed to put X under their gender.

Thank you,

Tatjana Andric

From: Sherry Watkins <sherryindy3@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, November 25, 2019 10:53 PM
To: BMV Legal
Subject: Gender Identity

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I object to the proposed changes as they represent still another hoop for transgender individuals to jump through. Choosing to change one's gender identity is fraught with too many societal challenges as is. Our state should not add to these burdens!

Sherry Watkins
AAUW Indianapolis Branch Co-President
**To the wrongs that need resistance,
To the right that needs assistance,
To the future in the distance,
Give yourselves.---Carrie Chapman Catt**

From: Bethany Nine-Lawson <bethanynine@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 25, 2019 10:48 PM
To: BMV Legal
Subject: Gender marker

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I strongly support the issuance of X gender markers without any additional documentation required by individuals.

Sincerely,

Bethany Nine-Lawson

From: Michelle <octmom2b@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, November 25, 2019 10:36 PM
To: BMV Legal
Subject: "X" input

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I am against allowing this for license information. With everything going on in this world, the last thing we need is to make law enforcement more difficult. Regardless of whether people identify as male or female, choose one. It is ludicrous to add an "x" option. People are born with one of two genders. People who identify as the opposite gender still choose one of the two genders. If they undergo a change, it is one of two genders. X is not one of them. Please stop this madness of a few people dictating to the majority of the population that we need to keep adjusting to personal preference. You will never achieve pleasing everyone's feelings. Stick with science and one of the two genders. Thank you.

Michelle Huntsman

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From: rose mcall <rmccall57@msn.com>
Sent: Monday, November 25, 2019 10:33 PM
To: BMV Legal
Subject: Gender

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I do not think people should be allowed to use the nonbinary “X” option for gender. People was born with a gender.

Rose Feiock

Sent from my iPhone

From: Steph Peckinpaugh <stepphers@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 25, 2019 10:31 PM
To: BMV Legal
Subject: I support the X gender change law

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I am Stephanie Peckinpaugh. These days i like to go by Steph as it is gender neutral. I don't think that with the law known that it would be too awful difficult for people to obtain paperwork. I already had mine filled out and ready to turn in when they announced the law was on hold. The law is necessaary. I think it is far easier for people to change an id and less costly so then to change a birth certificate whose state may not even have the option. I know arizona doesn't. I am from arizona. I've know people from there who are now scared because they had children but had male chromosomes. For whatever reason male was marked on their birth certificate when they identify female. For me it simply I am trans. I have no been kerotyped to see if that comes from a chromosome, but i have identified nb for quite some time. I think this law could also be useful for intersex. There are more intersex than people think there is.

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From: Jen G <jennifergrn1717@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 25, 2019 10:28 PM
To: BMV Legal

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I feel like being inclusive of all people is important. I identify as a female so this wouldn't even apply to me. I think you should allow it. It's really not hurting anyone else to allow other to identify as they wish.

Thank you,
Jennifer G.

From: Chris Roberts <chris.roberts@inumc.org>
Sent: Monday, November 25, 2019 10:28 PM
To: BMV Legal
Subject: X for gender

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I do not support the move to allow people to self-identify as X for gender. This is a complicated issue and it would be wise to see what other states pursue and how those work out in the legal process before Indiana moves toward these changes.

- Chris Roberts
Indianapolis

Sent from my iPhone

From: Gunner Conatser <gunnerconatser@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 25, 2019 10:26 PM
To: BMV Legal
Subject: "X Option" on Driver's Licenses

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Don't do it.

It goes against God and you will have to answer to Him one day. It isn't appropriate. You are MALE or FEMALE.

What is "X?!?!?"

Ridiculous!

Don't. Do. It.

Do what's right — the Lord will bless y'all for it.

Very Respectfully,
Gunner

From: Darl Dufendach <dufendach@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, November 25, 2019 10:18 PM
To: BMV Legal
Subject: 'Gender X' Driver's License

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Dear BMV Representative,

It has come to my attention the Indiana BMV is considering issuing operator licenses where the applicant has the option to identify as other than a biological male or female. This is a terrible idea that should be abandoned for many reasons, including the few I have listed below.

- A person needing emergency medical care may be unconscious or unable to speak coherently. First responders, EMS personnel, or hospital staff often need to know a person's biological sex to provide proper treatment. For instance, if a biological woman identifying as a male is suffering complications of pregnancy, the condition may be misdiagnosed because pregnancy was not considered not applicable to a male.
- An operator license may not be Real-ID compliant if it does not identify a person's biological sex.
- Law-enforcement personnel often need an accurate description of a person from BMV records. Biological sex, ethnic background, and approximate age are typically the first three descriptors sought from the BMV.

Darl Dufendach
807 Ranch Rd
Connersville, IN 47331

From: Dena Lavery <denalavery@att.net>
Sent: Monday, November 25, 2019 10:17 PM
To: BMV Legal
Subject: Do not add "X" option

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Each individual is either male *or* female. A driver's license is meant to *identify* you. No vagueness should be allowed.

Male. Or. Female.

Thanks,
Dena

From: Priscilla Baughman <pbaughman1947@icloud.com>
Sent: Monday, November 25, 2019 10:16 PM
To: BMV Legal
Subject: Gender change on driver licenses

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How much of our tax dollars is this going to cost us? I oppose this change and suggest you leave well enough alone. And quit squandering Hoosiers tax dollars

Sent from my iPad

From: Casey Hammond <casey.danger.hammond@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 25, 2019 10:16 PM
To: BMV Legal
Subject: X Gender

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Former law enforcement. It's not going to make a difference what is on the ID. In all transgender encounters I've had the person seemed very nervous. I assume that nervousness came from me seeing their DL and wondering why this man is in a dress. When I really didn't care, I just prefer go home in one piece.

I can't think of a profession that looks at a persons DL needs to know that persons gender.

C. Hammond ·

From: Gaylon Nettles <schoollaw@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Monday, November 25, 2019 10:12 PM
To: BMV Legal
Subject: Gender on drivers licenses

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Man or woman...stop the stupidity.

Gaylon James Nettles
Attorney
10116 East Washington St.
Suite 1000
Indianapolis, IN 46229
317-459-4238.

If you have received this in error please contact me.

From: Glenda Duke <gmduke95@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, November 25, 2019 10:11 PM
To: BMV Legal
Subject: Gender

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No to gender "X".

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From: Clay Miller <clay_is_@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 25, 2019 10:10 PM
To: BMV Legal
Subject: Gender identity marker

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I respectfully oppose the "X" option for gender identification on drivers' licenses. Using nonobjective identifiers places an unnecessary burden on law enforcement and begins a slippery slope as to how a person may be properly identified.

James Miller

Sent from my iPhone

From: Alan Caldwell <alancaldwell63@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 25, 2019 10:08 PM
To: BMV Legal
Subject: Gender Status on ID

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I believe that Hoosiers should only have male and female on their licenses. I do not support the idea of having an "X" option on their licenses

Sent from my iPhone

From: Richard Marshall <richardcmarshall88@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 25, 2019 9:58 PM
To: BMV Legal
Subject: Credential Amendment Rule

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Hello,

I would like to express my support for the proposed changes to rule #19-486 Credential Amendment Rule. It is important that the state clarify this process so that trans individuals are not unduly burdened in obtaining legal documents that accurately reflect their person.

Thank you,

Richard Marshall

From: Will Scharfenberger <willscharfenberger@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 25, 2019 9:35 PM
To: BMV Legal
Subject: Support for amendment of rule #19-486

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Hello,

I would like to express my support for the proposed changes to rule #19-486 Credential Amendment Rule. It is important that the state clarify this process so that trans individuals are not unduly burdened in obtaining legal documents that accurately reflect their person.

Thank you,
Will Scharfenberger
111 N Jefferson St
Bloomington, IN 47408

From: Hannah Ingram <hkaingram@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 25, 2019 9:30 PM
To: BMV Legal
Subject: Support for LSA #19-486

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To whom it may concern:

I would like to register my support for LSA #19-486. As a Christian minister and lifelong Hoosier, I am proud to live in a place that has already had in place a process for those who need to change their driver's licenses or identification cards to reflect their gender identity. This makes those who have historically been vulnerable to violence and discrimination safer. For that reason, I support LSA #19-486, which would clarify and protect the policy and procedure already in place.

Very sincerely,

The Reverend Dr. Hannah Adams Ingram

From: Urton, Annaleah A. <Annaleah.Urton@franklincollege.edu>
Sent: Monday, November 25, 2019 9:25 PM
To: BMV Legal
Subject: I Support Transgender Rights

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I am in support of the proposed rule to allow people to change their driver's license to their identified gender.

Thank you,

Anna Urton
Franklin College '22
Psychology & Spanish Major
S.E.B. Board Member
Passion for Paws Treasurer
Student Congress Secretary
Diversity Advocate
Delta Delta Delta

From: Cheatham, Alexis . <Alexis.Cheatham@franklincollege.edu>
Sent: Monday, November 25, 2019 9:22 PM
To: BMV Legal
Subject: Gender Identification on Drivers Licenses

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Hello,

I am emailing you regarding the proposal to let people change their gender identity on their driver's licenses. I 100% believe that this rule should be enacted. As a cis-gendered woman, I am privileged enough to not have to worry about being misgendered or what my gender is on my driver's license. However, there are many individuals out there who do not have this privilege and are put in very uncomfortable situations because the world is not yet fully accepting of their right to identify as their true and authentic self. Allowing individuals to have the right to a driver's licenses with their identified gender is taking a step in the right direction towards acceptance and making everyone feel like they belong.

Thank you,
Alexis Cheatham

From: Martinkovic, Victoria L <Victoria.Martinkovic@franklincollege.edu>
Sent: Monday, November 25, 2019 9:09 PM
To: BMV Legal
Subject: Gender on License

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To whom it may concern,

I support the Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles continuing to allow people to put their preferred gender identity on their driver's license. This is vital for individuals, especially transgender individuals, who identify by their preferred gender identity rather than their biological sex, including identifying by the nonbinary "X" option. I urge the BMV to reconsider adding any additional rules in the process of changing sex on licenses as other biographic information changes, such as height or weight, are not under regulation.

Thanks for your time and consideration,

Tori Martinkovic

Franklin College '20

Psychology Major

Delta Delta Delta, Sponsorship and Reference Chair

Presidential Ambassador Corps Member

From: Mark Searfoss <Mark@searfossphotography.com>
Sent: Monday, November 25, 2019 9:07 PM
To: BMV Legal
Subject: Transgender people and gender change for drivers licenses.

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All people should have the choice to have a drivers license with the gender they identify with.
Kerri Searfoss

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From: Jullien Searfoss <snowbirby6@msn.com>
Sent: Monday, November 25, 2019 8:58 PM
To: BMV Legal
Subject: Transgender Gender Change on License

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Transgender individuals need to be able to change their gender on their drivers license to match their true gender identity. As a Christian, I believe it is only right that all people are able to identify on their driver's license as the way they identify in real life.

Thank you,

Jullien Searfoss

From: Linda Kitch <sclmkitch@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 25, 2019 8:50 PM
To: BMV Legal
Subject: Transgender driver's licenses

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Really? Is this really necessary?

There are only 2 biological sexes determined by chromosomes at conception. Identifying your biological sex on a driver's license does not prevent one from living as a male or female identity. It could be important for emergency or medical personnel to know a person's actual biological sex in the event of an accident. The Indiana BMV should not be using my tax dollars to turn Indiana's most significant form of identification into a tool to advance a currently popular political agenda. Is there anyone in the BMV with common sense anymore?

From: Michael Shirley <m.h.shirley@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 25, 2019 8:26 PM
To: BMV Legal
Subject: Gender markers on drivers licences

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The proposed rule change eliminating the requirement that transgender people undergo surgery in order to have their gender markers changed on drivers licenses is essential. As society has come to understand gender in a more sophisticated and nuanced way, and as those who once hid because of hate have been able to live openly, it is time for our state to catch up. Gender markers on drivers licenses should match people's identity, not their genitals.

Michael Shirley
Franklin, Indiana

From: Kyra Shidler <kyrashidler@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 25, 2019 8:21 PM
To: BMV Legal
Subject: LSA Document #19-486 - Credential Amendment Rule

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Good evening,

As a resident of Indiana I wanted to make my opinion known on LSA Document #19-486.

I believe that all individuals of Indiana have a constitutional right to be able to identify as the gender they are. If we want to practice life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, then we must give people the ability to find that happiness.

Multiple scientific studies are starting to show that gender and sex are different things. These studies also show that just one person identifying a person by their true gender reduces the likelihood of suicide. If one action and one change could do that, imagine the positive ramifications of a person's gender identity on a legal document.

This is a chance to not only save lives, but to show that Indiana is not just a backward cornfed hick state. We can show we care about the people in our state and set a precedent for others to follow.

I hope that the people reading this know the positive impact they could have for people in our state, some of which are my friends. Some who didn't make it to today. Please vote to let all people be their true selves.

Thank you for your time,

Kyra Shidler

From: Debra Shirley <prairievet96@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 25, 2019 8:13 PM
To: BMV Legal
Subject: gender markers

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Despite what some say, this is not a political statement. Gender identification is not a matter for the state to impose upon a person, but an individual choice based in psychology and brain function. Forcing a balding man with a beard to be identified as female on his driver's license, because that was the gender identity he was assigned at birth and he has not had unnecessary surgery, is an act that puts him and anyone who requires his identification in a position of risk.

The proposed rule change is necessary for the well-being of all of Indiana's residents.

Debra Shirley
Franklin, Indiana

From: Andrea Tennancour <aes620@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, November 25, 2019 8:01 PM
To: BMV Legal
Subject: For proposed rule #19-486

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I am embarrassed to read the other comments against this proposed rule. I am embarrassed at the simple minded people living in this community. Changing the sex on one's driver's license is not a God issue. It is not a sexual preference issue. It is a biological and human rights issue. A transgender person should be allowed to put the sex on their drivers license in which they identify. Forcing transgender folks to have identification that is not in line with the way they feel inside is cruel, shameful, and devastating which is why the suicide rate in this (not so minuscule-as some protesters think) population.

I have one question for those of you putting a religious spin on this. How would you like it if the law stated that you had to put Atheist on your drivers license when you are a true Christian?

Transgenderism and homosexuality have been around since the dawn of time. It's not a fad. It's not a choice. It is there when you are born and fortunately these folks are finally feeling more accepted in society to be able to be their true self. Except not in Indiana apparently.

Sent from my iPhone

From: Jodi Smith <jodi@plateology.com>
Sent: Monday, November 25, 2019 7:55 PM
To: BMV Legal
Subject: Gender response on our drivers license

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To whom it may concern,

Please stop the proposed changes on our drivers licenses. Gender needs to be listed as male or female. There is no such thing as gender X. This undermines our entire society. This has many consequences that have not been carefully evaluated.

Sincerely,

Jodi Smith

Dan Smith

9341 N 500 E

Pittsboro, IN 46167

Sent from my iPhone

From: Engbrecht, Madeline <Madeline.Engbrecht@franklincollege.edu>
Sent: Monday, November 25, 2019 7:55 PM
To: BMV Legal
Subject: Comment on Proposed LSA Document #19-486 - Credential Amendment Rule

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To Whom it may Concern,

Good evening. I am a state resident wishing to comment on the proposed Credential Amendment Rule.

Transgender and nonbinary residents of Indiana deserve the ability to change the gender information on identification cards and/or driver's licenses. This can protect said citizens from unwanted attention when their presentation does not necessarily match the information on their cards, possibly keeping those individuals from physical or verbal abuse. Transgender individuals spend so much of their lives being harassed, abused, mocked, threatened, and ignored, and being told by the government meant to serve them that they are invalid is just another issue on an already large pile. The rates of suicide among trans and nonbinary people decrease when they are accepted for who they are, and this could be yet another chance for them to find validation.

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From: Rev. Dr. Monica Dawkins-Smith <pastormonica@firstuc.org>
Sent: Monday, November 25, 2019 7:50 PM
To: BMV Legal
Subject: In support of streamlining process for amending gender information

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Dear BMV Legal personnel,

I support the proposed rule (see below) to streamline the process for amending gender information on a driver's license or ID card for ALL Indiana residents, including transgendered individuals:

(L) An applicant applying to change the applicant's gender on the applicant's driver's license or identification card must present:

(i) a certified birth certificate containing the updated gender; or

(ii) written notification from the Indiana state department of health communicating to the bureau that the Indiana state department of health has received from the applicant a fully and properly executed physician's statement of gender change submitted on a form prescribed by the Indiana state department of health.

It is an act of compassion and love to affirm the identity and dignity of every God-created human being.

Thank you for soliciting feedback from the public.

Pastor Monica

Rev. Dr. Monica Dawkins-Smith
Interim Minister
First United Church
Bloomington, Indiana

From: Nick McCammon <nmccammo@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 25, 2019 7:40 PM
To: BMV Legal
Subject: Gov ID and Gender X

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I think the gov ID should identify who you are, not what you identify yourself as. your birth certificate states who that is.

Any make up or surgery is is nothing more than changing the appearance or in fewer cases, functional abilities from who you are...and by definition, that is who you are.

Thanks

From: Shayne G <sgasaway@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 25, 2019 7:29 PM
To: BMV Legal
Subject: Comment on Amending gender information ruling

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I am for amending the procedures to change one's gender information on state IDs. This will help better identify individuals during emergencies, and help the police in their duties. Having the right gender on a state ID is no different than having the correct height or hair color.

From: Shane <shane10ancour@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, November 25, 2019 7:24 PM
To: BMV Legal
Subject: License

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I don't understand why people are against this.

Trans people have a hard enough time getting through life. I know it is not fun for them to try to be someone they are not. Thus the suicide rate is very high for this demographic. If a trans male has female on his license then that is dead naming him. He is a man and does not want to be told by society otherwise.

Sent from my iPhone

From: Kyle Nowak <kyle.nowak7@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 25, 2019 7:11 PM
To: BMV Legal
Subject: Gender

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Everyone should be required to have the same gender on their driver license that is listed on their birth certificate.

From: Russ Norris <jrussellnorris@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 25, 2019 7:07 PM
To: BMV Legal
Subject: Gender and Drivers' Licenses

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I ask the BMV to please consider the following when revising its procedure and/or option to update one's gender on driver's licenses and state IDs:

- (i) Some persons argue that gender identity is distinct from natal sex, and some persons argue that natal sex and gender identity are equivalent. The BMV is not designed to render an opinion on this debate.
- (ii) Consider the option to change one's gender identity. No persons in opposition to this option will have their driver's licenses impacted.
- (iii) Many people in favor of this option would, if the option were revoked, be negatively impacted.
- (iv) In the absence of the BMV's agency to render a philosophical, medical, or religious opinion on gender identity, the BMV should honor the position of the persons directly affected by the option, specifically persons who would desire to change their identity.

Please retain this option for Hoosiers.

Russ Norris
101 Branigin Blvd
Franklin, Indiana 46131
(256)-238-3814

From: K Michael Kadinger <kmichaelkadinger@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 25, 2019 6:58 PM
To: BMV Legal
Subject: Opposition to X

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I want to voice my opposition to X as a gender choice on licenses. Mental illness should be treated, not embraced. If someone does not know what gender they are, then test their chromosomes if they have an XY, they are male if they have XX, they are female. I oppose X because it is not about feelings; it is about science facts!

NO TO X!

From: Christina Lee-Gasaway <lee.christina.m@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 25, 2019 6:54 PM
To: BMV Legal
Subject: Self identified Gender
Attachments: Screenshot_20191125-185345_Chrome.jpg

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Let people select their self identified gender on their licenses.

From: Emma Clor <emclor@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 25, 2019 6:39 PM
To: BMV Legal
Subject: LSA Document #19-486 - Credential Amendment Rule

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To whom it may concern,

I just wanted to send a brief note to support the ability of transgender citizens of Indiana to have their state issued identification match their identified gender. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Kind regards,

Emma E. Clor

From: Jason Wright <jasoncraigwright@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 25, 2019 6:32 PM
To: BMV Legal
Subject: Gender Identification Amendment

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Hello,

I would like to voice my support of the proposed amendment. I believe in the right of an individual to identify themselves as they choose, and I believe that having the option to do so on official documentation would do a service to mental and emotional well-being in the state of Indiana.

Thank you for your consideration!

From: Rush, Ryan A <RRush@franklincollege.edu>
Sent: Monday, November 25, 2019 5:52 PM
To: BMV Legal
Subject: LSA Document #19-486 - Credential Amendment Rule

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To whom it may concern,

I am writing as member of the LGBTQ+ community to express my support for this rule. I am proud to live in a state that would clarify this important language for those who need it. Please keep Indiana a state that welcomes all by supporting this measure.

Sincerely,
Dr. Ryan Rush

From: Rep Stutzman <repstutzman@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 25, 2019 5:21 PM
To: BMV Legal
Subject: Rule Change on Sex

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To Whom It May Concern,

I'm not sure how this particular rule change proposal came about, but as a state legislator, I know it did not come from the legislature.

With that said, may I ask who authorized this proposed rule change or how it came about?

Please note that Line 15 of the Indiana Drivers License lists the word Sex, not Gender, and there is a distinctive difference. There are only two biological sexes at birth, with extremely rare exceptions of abnormalities which usually become decided one way or the other around puberty. Accurately reporting a persons biological sex at birth on an official state ID is important for purposes of public safety issues, healthcare treatments, incarceration cases and much more. The extremely rare exceptions of non-binary persons are usually documented at birth and decided later as tests are used to document proof of one sex or the other through puberty.

Gender is how one identifies emotionally, mentally and outwardly in appearance, but it cannot change the internal biological make-up of how one was born. This vital information is necessary for a variety of reasons, in a variety of sectors, not the least of which is the safety of our general public.

I do not support any change to the rule which would make it easier or more convenient for someone to change Line 15 on the Indiana Drivers License to read "Sex : X" or to allow individuals to easily change their biological sex recorded at birth to the opposite sex from which they were born.

The only exception would be someone born with the extremely rare condition of being non-binary, documented by healthcare professionals and parents at the time of birth.

I do not support this rule change and neither do the majority of the constituents in my district.

Sincerely,

Christy Stutzman
State Representative, District 49

From: Max - My Way <my.way.mez@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 25, 2019 4:15 PM
To: BMV Legal
Subject: PURPOSED RULE CHANGE INDIANA DRIVERS LICENSE

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To whom it may concern,

Gender is determined at birth!

It is a fact NO pill, or surgery changes the genetics/chromosomes of an individual – we are born as male and female and we die as male and female. There are no other genders...

THANK YOU, and have a GREAT day...

Max Zimmerman

5747 N 350 E, Columbia City, IN 46725

260.691.3963

From: Fluharty, Debra
Sent: Monday, November 25, 2019 3:49 PM
To: BMV Legal
Subject: FW: General Question

Gender X complaint below.

Debra Fluharty
Contact Center Supervisor
Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles

From: BMV Contact Center
Sent: Monday, November 25, 2019 1:04 PM
To: Fluharty, Debra <DFluharty@bmv.IN.gov>
Subject: FW: General Question

Gender X email.

Kendra

-----Original Message-----

From: Rlmorrispc@juno.com [<mailto:Rlmorrispc@juno.com>]

Sent: Monday, November 25, 2019 7:29:08 AM

To: BMV Contact Center

Subject: General Question

Subject : General Question

Comments : RE: Gender X; It seems totally unnecessary to revise IN drivers license to allow a mystery designation when there are obviously two choices. However anyone invasions themselves at a particular moment in time they still only have two possible choices for their entry on their drivers license. How will police or others know who they are dealing with if they can't trust the IN drivers license.

From: Jill Yount <cpataxes@frontier.com>
Sent: Monday, November 25, 2019 3:36 PM
To: BMV Legal
Subject: Transgender License Plate

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Dear Sir/Madam:

I urge the Indiana BMV to not adopt the transgender driver's license. I don't see any benefits even for transgender people. A driver's license doesn't keep them from living their lives. A change could make everybody's life more complicated including police officers doing their jobs. Since the benefits don't outweigh the costs the decision needs to be no change. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,
Jill Yount

From: Alice & David <dpad@psci.net>
Sent: Monday, November 25, 2019 3:30 PM
To: BMV Legal
Subject: Gender X Driver's License???

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To whom it may concern:

I just read that the Indiana BMV has plans to revamp our driver's licenses. Please keep my license the way it is. Don't give in to a few people that don't have anything to do but cause trouble for others. I just found out about this today---it is really sad. What's next? Like my state has no important business to take care of.....

Thank you!

David Lindauer
Ferdinand, Indiana

From: 2605792008@mms.att.net
Sent: Monday, November 25, 2019 2:39 PM
To: BMV Legal

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From: JAMIE RANS <sqky98@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, November 25, 2019 8:56 AM
To: BMV Legal
Subject: LSA Document #19-486 - Credential Amendment Rule

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I do not agree with the LSA Document #19-486 - Credential Amendment Rule change. Changing a persons natural born gender on identification material creates areas of high risk and possible dangers to others. This information is used for not only for identification purposes but for security purposes for homeland security, air flight, police officers and other first responders. This opens doors for risk that have not fully been evaluated or protocols put into place for agencies that use this form of record or identification. Until this is done the DMV is creating a dangerous environment. Do not allow this change.

Jamie Hunter
Indiana Resident

From: Lori Baxter <l.baxter@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Monday, November 25, 2019 2:11 PM
To: BMV Legal
Subject: Comment on Transgender licenses..

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I believe our society needs to be able to stick with scientific fact, when identifying a person. No matter what the person feels like, says or has surgically done to them, their blood will tell us male or female. I have a nephew, who felt like a woman for three years and is now back to being a man..but in a homosexual relationship.

If our society just goes on how people feel, eventually we will not be able to tell children they are wrong when they say $2+2=5$..because we don't want to hurt their feelings. Biological sex must be listed on driver's license or it means nothing.

Lori Baxter
Carmel, IN

From: Scott Miller <scottm@pathwayag.com>
Sent: Monday, November 25, 2019 2:02 PM
To: BMV Legal
Subject: Biological Sex

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Dear BMV,

Please keep the biological sex as Male or Female on Indiana Drivers Licenses.

Sincerely,

Scott

Scott Miller
Middlebury, IN

From: C. James <rosemusic123@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 25, 2019 1:33 PM
To: BMV Legal
Subject: Proposed dl rule

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Changing gender listings is denying science. This rule change should not be passed. It is ridiculous and merely a cultural fad that should be ignored. Follow the science. Male and female alone.

From: Michael G Morris <michael.g.morris@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, November 25, 2019 1:22 PM
To: BMV Legal
Cc: h27@iga.in.gov; Senator Brian Buchanan
Subject: Emailing: BMV committee testimony MG Morris.pdf
Attachments: BMV committee testimony MG Morris.pdf

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Sirs:
Attached and below is my testimony from today.

This is something that ultimately our elected representatives the General Assembly should decide.

Thank you.
Michael G. Morris
902 S 11th Street
Lafayette, IN 47905
765-426-2300

Testimony before the Indiana BMV rules-making Committee

November 25, 2019
Members of the committee--Good Morning!

I am Michael Morris, representing Lafayette Citizens in Action.

What is the purpose of a carried Indiana Driver's License?

Obviously, it is to provide ready documentation that the bearer is legally qualified and authorized to operate a motor vehicle on the public roads of Indiana. Also, with the advent of Federal Real ID, it verifies one's status as a citizen and/or resident of a particular State or Territory. The information requirements for a State Driver's License, as part of U.S. Code Title 6 Part 37 are (excerpted):

- a) Full legal name. Except as permitted in §37.11(c) (2), the name on the face of the license or card must be the same as the name on the source document presented by the applicant to establish identity. Where the individual has only one name, that name should be entered in the last name or family name field, and the first and middle name fields should be left blank. Place holders such as NFN, NMN, and NA should not be used.
- (b) Date of birth.
- (c) Gender, as determined by the State. (Emphasis mine)
- (d) Unique Driver's license or identification card number. This cannot be the individual's SSN, and must be unique across driver's license or identification cards within the State.
- (e) Full facial digital photograph. A full facial photograph must be taken pursuant to the standards set forth below:
 - (1) States shall follow specifically ISO/IEC 19794-5:2005(E) Information technology-Biometric Data Interchange Formats-Part 5: Face Image Data...
 - (f) Address of principal residence

Members of the Committee, I submit to you that use of a third "Gender"

designation will essentially make the determination of identity more difficult for law enforcement and needlessly complicate search, arrest and - especially - incarceration procedures should that become necessary for an individual.

Science tells us that we all, as humans, normally have 22 identical pairs of chromosomes in our DNA, but we either have a pair of "X" chromosomes or an "X" and a "Y" chromosome in our 23rd pair. That is determined at conception, immutable and cannot be changed. And it is easily ascertained from a saliva swab or hair follicle.

Having pointed this out, I must add that I make no judgement, nor do I wish to limit, how one peacefully identifies, dresses, lives or behaves. I suggest we simply list an "X" or a "Y" to reflect that 2nd chromosome of our 23rd pair in the Sex/Gender field of the license and go on about our lives.

Thank you for your time and attention today.

Michael G. Morris
Lafayette, IN

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Sent: Monday, November 25, 2019 12:42 PM
To: BMV Legal
Subject: LSA Document #19-486 - Credential Amendment Rule Comment

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To who it may concern:

I am in favor of the proposed rule. The ability to have one's gender affirmed on legal documents is important and necessary for greater equality of our citizens.

Nastassia Snaden
Fort Wayne, IN

From: John Curran <jtcurran41@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 25, 2019 11:41 AM
To: BMV Legal
Subject: Transgender Driver's Licenses

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Comment on Transgender Driver's License

We are against the adoption of Gender X driver's licenses.

The information on a driver's license should contain the necessary information to verify the identity of the holder of the license.

If an individual wants to claim a biological sex different from his/her birth sex that is his or her's own business, but it should not be on the driver's license, as that has nothing to do with positive identification. If one has black hair, can they then say they have white hair on their license? If one weighs 195 lbs, can they then put on their license they weigh 125 pounds because it makes them feel better?

The last time I got my license, I wasn't even allowed to smile. So why should one be able to claim a sex that they are not?

Next thing you know we'll all be required to pull down our pants to make a positive identification.

We're a-gin it.

John and Christine Curran
759 Dayton Dr.
Carmel, IN 46033

From: Fluharty, Debra
Sent: Monday, November 25, 2019 11:37 AM
To: BMV Legal
Subject: FW: General Question

Gender X complaint below.

Debra Fluharty
Contact Center Supervisor
Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles

From: BMV Contact Center
Sent: Monday, November 25, 2019 9:57 AM
To: Fluharty, Debra <DFluharty@bmv.IN.gov>
Subject: FW: General Question

Gender X

Thanks AJ

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From: sns_sandy@hotmail.com [mailto:sns_sandy@hotmail.com]
Sent: Saturday, November 23, 2019 8:41:01 PM
To: BMV Contact Center
Subject: General Question

Subject : General Question

Comments : This is Ardella's daughter, Sandy, and she asked me to send an email to you. She's upset about you considering changing the drivers licenses to transgender correctness. There are only 2 genders .. male and female. IF someone has surgery and becomes male instead of female or visa versa ..then their license will state that. This is WRONG! Don't cave to the few and make us a mockery.

My Mom's number is 371.861.4055
please, contact her for further information. They live near Greenfield, IN.

From: John Aukerman <jhaukerman@anderson.edu>
Sent: Monday, November 25, 2019 11:26 AM
To: BMV Legal
Subject: Testimony

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Today I am here, because I am concerned that changes proposed by the BMV will compromise the integrity of our state issued IDs and licenses. I am also concerned that creation of a third gender will unnecessarily complicate the responses of first responders or law enforcement officers.

I'm concerned that the creation of a third gender compromises the integrity of vital state documents. Documents like birth certificates and driver's licenses are supposed to be reliable identification. Yet how can they be reliable if we will now allow such documents to reflect an evolving concept like gender identity, rather than an immutable, God-given characteristic such as sex. By the way, my license doesn't say "gender identity," it says "sex." I also don't know of any federal agency that chooses to classify people as gender "x".

Creation of a third gender would unnecessarily complicate the ability to respond to emergencies in a variety of contexts. Emergency medical and law enforcement personnel need to know a person's actual biological sex to perform their duty in the event of an accident. It may also make it harder for lenders and banks to verify identities. Anyone who has had to purchase real estate since 9/11 knows how many hoops we have to jump through to prove our own identities. Why further complicate steps which are taken to keep us safe?

Finally, this is something that it seems should be decided by our elected legislative officials. This is a controversial issue which involves strong opinions on both sides of the debate. Such a drastic change should not merely be left in the hands of the BMV to decide on behalf of over 4.5 million Hoosier license holders and taxpayers.

I urge you to abandon the proposed rule. Thank you for your time.

From: BMV Drivers License
Sent: Monday, November 25, 2019 10:22 AM
To: BMV Legal
Subject: FW: Question about My Drivers

-----Original Message-----

From: bob.land@inumc.org [<mailto:bob.land@inumc.org>]
Sent: Saturday, November 23, 2019 4:47:18 PM
To: BMV Drivers License
Subject: Question about My Drivers

Subject : Question about My Drivers

Comments : Indiana driver's licenses identify Hoosiers by many immutable characteristics: race, age . . . and, yes, gender. I can no more change my gender than I can change my age or my race. I may wish I were 40 years younger and once again enjoy the blessings of youth, or I may wish I were 10 years old and enjoy the leisure of retirement, but I am what I am, and no amount of wishing or desire will allow me to change the immutable fact of my age. Likewise, I cannot change my race or my gender.

A person's gender is chromosomally determined before birth, and no chemical injections or disfiguring surgeries can change that, but now the Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles thinks it can create a third, "non-binary" gender. This is both a physiological impossibility and a moral absurdity driven only by shifting winds of political correctness run amok.

So, please, no "Gender X" on Hoosier drivers' licenses.

From: Jocelyn Krueger <jasonkruegerpac@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 25, 2019 10:39 AM
To: BMV Legal
Subject: Comment for LSA Document #19-486 - Credential Amendment Rule

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To Whom It May Concern:

As a trans Hoosier, I appreciate and find it necessary that there is a way to have your gender indicated on identity documents. It is not an individual's fault when the State or misguided historic medical practices misidentify them, and it is incumbent on the State to do everything to rectify that mistake and fold trans people fully into the participation of Hoosier life.

At the same time, I find the current and proposed rule to make gender marker changes to be over burdensome and cumbersome to an individual seeking to change their gender marker on State IDs.

The proposed rule to require an additional set of forms from an additional State agency, while on the face of it may seem like a small additional step, it is actually more and unnecessarily burdensome on individual trans Hoosiers seeking to make gender marker changes and could cause an already lengthy process to become even longer and more frustrating. Getting the additional forms requires people to first obtain them, a task that is harder especially for poorer and more rural trans Hoosiers who may not have regular access to the internet or a printer or a doctor or post office and for whom the additional traveling may be dangerous, possibly requiring them to enter unsafe spaces or outing them to someone who has to print or prepare the form for them.

Then there is the time involved, not only the additional time in getting the form, but also in the processing of it by the State Agency and returning a second form to the individual. All of this could add up to additional days or weeks of a delay, and that has real and serious consequences for trans people changing their identification. The procedure to change your name and gender in a court order is much less burdensome, which says something about the BMV's proposed process, and a Social Security card change is usually a next step. When you change your Social Security identification, you have to then inform your employer so that you get paid and that then requires you to update your bank account information. After getting a court order, this can be done in as little as a couple of days. The BMV process to get a State ID would be much longer, and that gap between having SS changed and getting the State ID can cause problems. A bank may be unwilling to release your money to you if the name and gender on your id does not match what is on your account. This happened to me when a teller questioned me. Someone might be carded to pick up concert tickets or enter a bar and be turned away thinking their ID is fraudulent.

I didn't have access to my money for four days when my banking information was being changed, imagine what that would mean for someone under this rule where they might have to wait weeks. I also get carded all the time when making any kind of purchase using my bank card, and when my bank card and ID did not match, I was sometimes denied purchasing. One time I was getting cookies for my four year old who was having a bad day and was told I couldn't use my card because my ID did not match my bank card. I have told to my face when being denied purchases that I should stick to the gender as God made me. I do not think that someone else's religious beliefs should prevent me from buying cookies for my child, or attending a concert, or getting access to the money I earn for working and contributing to the Hoosier community, and it is incumbent on the

State to protect trans Hoosiers. The proposed BMV rule would only increase discriminatory and dangerous experiences faced by Trans Hoosiers.

Not having the proper id can also affect a trans Hoosier's right to vote. I got my court order just before the primary election and so I did not have a State ID that matched my name and gender. When I went to vote, I needed to go get additional forms including the SS card and court order and wait for an offsite election official to review the materials and procedures. It took a long time and the election official shouted a slur across the room to another worker, outing me to other poll workers and voters. It took a couple of extra hours to resolve, but I still left outed and hurt. The much longer proposed procedure will only make these situations more common and lead to the disenfranchisement of trans voters.

In an emergency situation, there is no medically necessary reason for the gender on an ID in the resolution of that emergency. The gender listed on an ID does not indicate if someone has had a hysterectomy or prostate exam or severe genital injury or has had breast cancer or anything. Best emergency medical practices take a look at the individual medical emergency situation, free of bias, assumptions, or unnecessary information. In an emergency situation, the gender listed on an ID is about as useful as hair color.

The supporting documents list that there is no effect of burden placed on small businesses in Indiana. This is not true. I have already mentioned issues of trans employees accessing their wages, and wage access definitely affects Hoosier businesses. A delay in getting a State ID could also have an effect on trans employees traveling, registering for conferences, getting other licenses, business related insurances, hotel registration, and many other business related activities. It also hurts recruitment of talented trans workers and entrepreneurs that might be otherwise interested in moving to Indiana.

An increasing number of States, Municipalities and Countries are providing trans-inclusive forms and identification, including gender markers other than M and F. There are even some places that issue birth certificates without a binary gender identified upon birth. Our Indiana system has to be responsive to people holding a range of identity documents, or we will lose an innovative edge and disenfranchise people.

It is important for people, including trans Hoosiers to have identification that matches who they are, and the process should be as unburdensome and protect the safety of trans Hoosiers. All we want to do is have equal access to work and participate in the economy of the state, to go to concerts, and open business, to drive, vote, and buy our children cookies when they're having a bad day.

Please be kind,

Jocelyn
Terre Haute, IN

From: Michelle Adler <madler1999@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, November 25, 2019 9:52 AM
To: BMV Legal
Subject: Document #19-486 - Credential Amendment Rule

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To Whom it May Concern;

Transgender and non-binary folks have every right to have their driver's license reflect who they truly are. The BMV has allowed people to change their gender listed on their driver's license since **2009**. All someone had to do is get a form signed by their physician. Allowing this has caused NO HARM or confusion. I have friends and family who have successfully changed their gender marker on their ID to reflect who they truly are and have seen first hand how life-changing it can be to have an ID that matches who they are. They can now travel with less fear, go to work and vote with more confidence. Creating more obstacles for a group of people who are already facing extreme discrimination from every angle is harmful and dangerous.

Allowing transgender and non-binary people a simple way to have an official ID that reflects who they truly are saves lives. **Trnasgender and non-binary folks, especially trans and non-binary people of color, are being harmed and murdered** at an alarming and ever increasing rate and it is **your duty** as a state agency to protect **all** residents of Indiana. Having a correct and authentic ID not only helps to keep trans and non-binary people safer in public spaces, but also helps to validate their existence. Transgender and non-binary people **are people** and deserve the same equal treatment as their cisgender peers. I urge you please, to continue to allow trans and non-binary people the ability to change their ID simply and without harmful obstacles so that it may reflect who they know themselves to be.

Thank you,

Michelle Adler
p:she/her/hers

From: MELISSA DODGE <indodges92@att.net>
Sent: Monday, November 25, 2019 9:45 AM
To: BMV Legal
Subject: Gender change rule

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I am writing to express my opposition to the change in rules regarding gender option listing.

There are only two genders known to our species, male and female. It would be a travesty for the Indiana BMV to determine otherwise in order to appease a minuscule percentage of the population. In a time when we have silly restrictions, such as, removing glasses and no smiling or showing teeth, there is no outcry for this nonsensical change. Social justice fights do not belong in the departments of our state government.

It becomes a safety concern when we recognize someone's confusion over what gender they are today. There in lies the concern. Today they identify as a female and maybe next month a male. We are currently under orders to get our licenses updated by next year for travel purposes, as I understand it. Why should you be taken seriously, when st the same time, you are considering letting people flippantly list their gender on a state required identification. It tells me, this has no basis in sound reasoning. It also tells me there are nefarious elements trying to force acceptance into state policies. This'll is not right!

Therefore, as a citizen of this state, I plead against an unnecessary and unsafe practice being considered by the BMV. I am opposed to the rule change allowing any gender, besides Male or Female, to be recognized on a driver's license in the state of Indiana.

Respectfully,
James Dodge
Anderson, Indiana

Sent from my iPhone

From: Michael Votaw <supertech5808@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, November 25, 2019 9:28 AM
To: BMV Legal
Subject: Gender change on drivers license

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I and my family support a process for Hoosiers to change their gender on their drivers license to match their gender identity when different from the gender assigned at birth.

Mike Votaw

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

From: Lynna Mills <lfmills@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, November 25, 2019 9:24 AM
To: BMV Legal
Subject: I support the proposal allowing gender change on drivers licenses

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Good morning,

I fully support the proposed gender rule allowing transgender people to change their gender on their drivers license. We need to change the policy to become inclusive of ALL in the Indianapolis community.

Thanks so much for your time.

Lynna Mills
Indianapolis, IN 46250
(Indy resident for 37 years)

Sent from my iPhone

From: Buente, Jeremy <jb350@evansville.edu>
Sent: Monday, November 25, 2019 9:18 AM
To: BMV Legal
Subject: Gender Proposal

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I am in SUPPORT of a procedure that allows people to change the gender on their driver's license.

Thank you,
Jeremy Buente
500 Washington Ave
Evansville IN 47713

From: Lillie Walls <lmwalls45@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 25, 2019 9:13 AM
To: BMV Legal

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We are either born male or female. You can feel like whatever you want to feel like but that does not change the fact that God created you as a male or female.
Do not bend to this idiotic thinking of the few.

From: Joann Burnside <gracenpeace2u@icloud.com>
Sent: Monday, November 25, 2019 9:11 AM
To: BMV Legal
Subject: Gender on licenses

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While my personal believes are that there are only two genders, male and female, and are designed and established in the womb my larger concern is that emergency medical personnel and doctors need to know the biological gender of a person to properly treat them in case of emergency. There is no need to specify anything other than the Original biological gender of a person on a legal form of identification.

Respectfully,
Joann Hoyt

Sent from my iPhone

Testimony before the Indiana BMV rules-making Committee

November 25, 2019

Members of the committee--Good Morning!

I am Michael Morris, representing Lafayette Citizens in Action.

What is the purpose of a carried Indiana Driver's License?

Obviously, it is to provide ready documentation that the bearer is legally qualified and authorized to operate a motor vehicle on the public roads of Indiana. Also, with the advent of Federal Real ID, it verifies one's status as a citizen and/or resident of a particular State or Territory. The information requirements for a State Driver's License, as part of U.S. Code Title 6 Part 37 are (*excerpted*):

a) Full legal name. Except as permitted in §37.11(c) (2), the name on the face of the license or card must be the same as the name on the source document presented by the applicant to establish identity. Where the individual has only one name, that name should be entered in the last name or family name field, and the first and middle name fields should be left blank. Place holders such as NFN, NMN, and NA should not be used.

(b) Date of birth.

(c) *Gender, as determined by the State.* (Emphasis mine)

(d) Unique Driver's license or identification card number. This cannot be the individual's SSN, and must be unique across driver's license or identification cards within the State.

(e) Full facial digital photograph. A full facial photograph must be taken pursuant to the standards set forth below:

(1) States shall follow specifically ISO/IEC 19794-5:2005(E) Information technology—Biometric Data Interchange Formats—Part 5: Face Image Data...

(f) Address of principal residence

Members of the Committee, I submit to you that use of a third "Gender" designation will essentially make the determination of identity more difficult for law enforcement and needlessly

complicate search, arrest and - especially - incarceration procedures should that become necessary for an individual.

Science tells us that we all, as humans, normally have 22 identical pairs of chromosomes in our DNA, but we either have a pair of "X" chromosomes or an "X" and a "Y" chromosome in our 23rd pair. That is determined at conception, immutable and cannot be changed. And it is easily ascertained from a saliva swab or hair follicle.

Having pointed this out, I must add that I make no judgement, nor do I wish to limit, how one peacefully identifies, dresses, lives or behaves. I suggest we simply list an "X" or a "Y" to reflect that 2nd chromosome of our 23rd pair in the Sex/Gender field of the license and go on about our lives.

Thank you for your time and attention today.

Michael G. Morris
Lafayette, IN



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Jon Laramore
Executive Director

November 25, 2019

Re: Notice of Intent to Adopt a Rule, LSA Document #19-486

Commissioner Lacey and others,

The LGBT Law Project of Indiana Legal Services submits this comment to detail the impact the proposed amendment to 140 IAC 7-1.1-3 will have on transgender and low-income Hoosiers and explain why agency policies must reflect the medical and social reality of transgender people.

Eliminating a physician's statement in favor of a document from the Department of Health as the only way to change a gender marker singles out transgender individuals and requires them to go through an unnecessarily complicated, lengthy, and costly process.

The LGBT Law Project of Indiana Legal Services provides legal advice and representation to members of the LGBT community throughout Indiana. This comment is based on our clients' experiences as transgender and nonbinary residents of Indiana. Much of our legal work is to ensure that all LGBT Hoosiers have access to accurate and affirming identification; in the last eighteen months alone, our project has assisted nearly 400 transgender Hoosiers with legal name and gender marker changes. This need is so high because accurate and gender-affirming ID is critical to the safety and well-being of transgender and nonbinary Hoosiers.

The BMV has recognized that allowing gender marker changes on IDs reflects the medical and scientific reality of sex and gender.

As with any person, transgender and nonbinary individuals need identification for a myriad of civic, social, professional, and personal purposes: to work, go to school, travel, vote, access government institutions, open a bank account, and countless other needs. Transgender and nonbinary individuals must be able to access accurate identification to meet these needs. Few things are as essential to one's personhood and navigating the world as being able to accurately communicate one's gender to the world, with identification documents as the primary means of that communication.

By allowing gender marker changes, 140 IAC 7-1.1-3 rightly acknowledges the scientific and medical reality that gender identity¹, not sex assigned at birth, is the only medically supported determinant of sex. "It is counter to medical science to use chromosomes, hormones, internal reproductive organs, external genitalia, or secondary sex characteristics to override gender identity for purposes of classifying someone as male or female. Gender identity does and should control when there is a need to classify an individual as a particular sex."² Despite claims made to the contrary by opponents of this rule, one's sex assigned at birth is not a fixed, biological truth. It is based on the best information

¹ The term "gender identity" is a well-established concept in medicine, referring to one's sense of oneself as belonging to a particular gender. All human beings develop this elemental internal view: the conviction of belonging to a particular gender, such as male or female. Gender identity is firmly established early in life.

² Expert Affidavit of Dr. Deanna Adkins, *Carcaño v. Cooper.*, 1:16-cv-00236-TDS-JEP.

available at that time. It does not capture a biological truth beyond the truth of the appearance of one's genitals at birth. All mainstream medical and mental health care providers who specialize in the treatment of individuals with gender dysphoria recognize that being transgender is a normal developmental variation.³ The same is true for nonbinary gender designations.⁴

Because of these medical and scientific realities, an individual must be able to amend their documents to accurately reflect their gender. Though having a process to correct gender designations is vital to the health and safety of transgender Hoosiers, the proposed amendment will result in an unnecessarily burdensome process that will target and harm transgender⁵ Hoosiers with a disproportionate impact on low-income Hoosiers.

The proposed rule will subject transgender Hoosiers to increased threats of violence and discrimination.

The vast majority of our clients seek a legal name and gender marker change to update their Indiana ID—even if they never update their birth certificate—because photo IDs are most commonly used to prove identity, age and residency. The ability to make your identification consistent with your gender identity is essential to basic social and economic well-being.

The proposed rule imposes additional and unnecessary barriers —time, money, navigating multiple bureaucracies—to obtaining identification. In practice, updating a birth certificate is a time-consuming process and is often inconsistent throughout the state. For some clients, it takes over a month to get an updated birth certificate from the State Health Department, while others are unable to get an updated birth certificate because a local health department has decided ‘they don’t do that here.’”

Because of poverty, often compounded by racism and/or discrimination, the additional fee and travel required to update a birth certificate will make updating their photo ID cost prohibitive for many people. It is critical that the Bureau take seriously how the proposed rule impacts the lived realities of the people it serves.

A photo ID is a ubiquitous and often mandatory identification document. Access to employment, education, housing, health care, banking, travel, and government services all hinge on having appropriate and accurate personal documentation that reflects a person's identity.

In the last two weeks I have been required to use my driver's license at the grocery store; at the post office; to enter federal buildings; and to sign my child up for music lessons. In each of these circumstances, I unproblematically used my ID because the picture, name and gender marker on my ID matches my presentation.

The same is not true for my transgender clients. Until they can receive an updated ID, my clients are forced to undertake a constant risk assessment when asked for their ID. As long as my female clients

³ *Id.*

⁴ Medical consensus now makes clear that assigning sex at birth as one of two binary options based on characteristics like external genitalia is scientifically inaccurate and harmful. As one advocate explains, human bodies are not normatively “male” or “female”; rather, “it is an ideological position—and not a scientific fact—to name someone's body, genitals, or biology male” or female. Chase Strangio, *What is a “Male Body”?*, SLATE, July 19, 2016, *available at* <https://slate.com/human-interest/2016/07/theres-no-such-thing-as-a-male-body.html>

⁵ Transgender persons are people whose gender identity diverges from the sex they were assigned at birth. A transgender man's sex is male (even though he was assigned the sex of female at birth) and a transgender woman's sex is female (even though she was assigned the sex of male at birth).

have identification bearing a male gender marker and my male clients have IDs listing them as female, they are outed as transgender each time they show their ID. The act of showing an ID that reveals this discrepancy is itself enough to imperil my clients' safety and subject them to discrimination. *In Re A.L.*, 81 N.E.3d 282, 290 (Ind. Ct. App. 2017).

The rates of violence and discrimination against transgender individuals are staggering and often tied to inaccurate identity documents. According to the 2015 U.S. Transgender Survey, almost one-third of transgender individuals who showed an identity document with a name or gender marker that conflicted with their presentation were harassed, denied benefits or services, discriminated against or assaulted. Transgender people also are disproportionately targeted for hate crimes.⁶ More than 70% of my clients report being victims of violence or discrimination.

The proposed rule targets transgender people

BMV IDs include 5 pieces of biographic information: sex, height, weight, eye and hair color. Four of these—height, weight, eye and hair color—are self-reported. If I have grown, gained weight, or gone completely grey, I can simply walk into the BMV and update my ID. I don't need to go to my doctor and get a letter confirming my height or weight, or my barber to confirm my hair color. I don't need to do these things, because I am capable looking in the mirror or at the scale and reporting what I see.

In contrast, the Bureau views my clients as unable to self-report their gender identity. Instead, it must be verified by two external sources—their doctors and the Health Department. No such increased verification is being imposed on other biographic characteristics that cisgender⁷ Hoosiers regularly update.

Conclusion

The proposed rule will make it more difficult for transgender and nonbinary Hoosiers to change gender markers on BMV IDs without any corresponding benefit to the Bureau. The BMV's current process is more accessible to transgender and nonbinary individuals than the process outlined in the proposed rule and is in line with national and international standards. Any future revisions to the BMV's current process should make it easier, not harder, for individuals to obtain accurate identification.

Sincerely,

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⁶ James *et al.*, *The Report of the 2015 U.S. Transgender Survey* (2016), available at <http://www.ustranssurvey.org/reports/>

⁷ Cisgender persons are people whose gender identity aligns with the sex they were assigned at birth. A cisgender man's sex is male (and he was assigned the sex of male at birth) and a cisgender woman's sex is female (and she was assigned the sex of female at birth).

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From the Office of Governor Holcomb

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Governor Holcomb, We understand that you are making an attempt to put a third gender, "gender X" on the driver's license's. If that is the case, we beg you to reconsider. Our country was founded on Biblical principles, and we as conservative people MUST stand for what is right. The Bible tells us that God created us in His image, male and female. (Genesis 1:27) There is no confusion in that verse. Please do not succumb to the minority groups. You ran on the Republican ticket, and that is what we elected you as. We cannot understand why we are not allowed to smile, wear glasses, etc. when we get a driver's license for fear of it changing features, but you are considering making it so a person can choose on any given day whether they are a man or a woman??? This doesn't make sense. Please be a man of integrity, and take this opportunity to do what is right and get this thought/action out of Indiana. We are a mostly conservative state, and a majority would prefer to stay that way. It's not fair, and for the most part unsafe, to our children/ grandchildren, and yours, to put these laws into effect just because some minority is offended. (same gender bathrooms, gender X, no prayer in public schools, nothing Biblical on state property, and the list goes on. We are offended that these groups can scream not fair and get everyone to bend. Our children are unsafe going into a public restroom now, because they may end up in there with a "transgender" that's really just a sex offender and could easily take advantage of them. We will be praying for you in this upcoming decision, and trust that you are praying about it as well. Thank you for your time. Ben and Melissa Carmichael