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To require the Secretary of State to require the inclusion of a gender neutral designation in a passport, passport card, or Consular Report of Birth Abroad, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. KHANNA introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on _____

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. INCLUSION OF GENDER NEUTRAL DESIGNA-**
4 **TION OPTION IN PASSPORTS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provi-
6 sion of law, the Secretary of State shall, not later than
7 one year after the date of the enactment of this section,

1 permit an applicant for a passport, passport card, or Con-
2 sular Report of Birth Abroad to record gender in an appli-
3 cation for such passport, passport card, or Consular Re-
4 port of Birth Abroad with a sex data element authorized
5 by the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO)
6 specified in ICAO Doc 9303, Machine Readable Travel
7 Documents.

8 (b) GENDER DESIGNATION.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of State, in
10 accordance with subsection (a), shall permit an ap-
11 plicant for a passport, passport card, or Consular
12 Report of Birth Abroad to use an “unspecified” (X)
13 gender designation. Such designation shall be made
14 available without restriction to all applicants for a
15 passport, passport card, or Consular Report of Birth
16 Abroad.

17 (2) PROHIBITIONS.—The Secretary of State
18 may not—

19 (A) deny the issuance of a passport, pass-
20 port card, or Consular Report of Birth Abroad
21 to an otherwise qualified applicant based solely
22 on a request by such applicant for an “unspec-
23 ified” (X) gender designation; or

24 (B) require such an applicant to select the
25 “unspecified” (X) gender designation on an ap-

1 plication for passport, passport card, or Con-
2 sular Report of Birth Abroad, including, with-
3 out limitation, an applicant who has one or
4 more identity documents bearing a sex or gen-
5 der designation other than male (M) or female
6 (F).