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Jan Buterman President Trans Equality Society of Alberta Post Office Box 2053, Edmonton Main Edmonton AB T5J 2P4

Dear Jan Buterman:

The Office of the Honourable John Baird, Minister of Foreign Affairs, has kindly forwarded to Mr. Chris Alexander, Canada's Citizenship and Immigration Minister, a copy of your letter of February 10, 2014, regarding the Passport Program's policy on the issuance of passports to trans-identified Canadians.

Although the Passport Program now falls under the responsibility of the Department of Citizenship and Immigration, the passport issuing process and policies are handled by Service Canada. To address the specifics you put forward in your letter, you may wish to contact Service Canada via their website at www.servicecanada.gc.ca. In order to be of assistance to you, I have taken the liberty of forwarding a copy of your correspondence to them.

I hope this referral is helpful to you.

Sincerely,

C. Saumier

Ministerial Enquiries Division (Passport)

