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Secretary Gray Submits Public Comment Opposing U.S. Postal Service's Proposal to Process Wyoming Mail in Billings, Montana

CHEYENNE, WY – On March 7, 2024, Secretary of State Chuck Gray sent a letter to U.S. Postal Service Postmaster General Louis DeJoy opposing the Postal Service's proposal to move mail processing operations from Casper to Billings and requesting the Postal Service withdraw its proposal. Secretary Gray's letter came in response to the Postal Service's announcement of its mail processing facility review of processing operations at the Casper Processing and Distribution Center in Casper, and its proposal to move mail processing operations from the Casper Processing and Distribution Center to Billings, Montana. The letter offered similar concerns to his public comment opposing the Postal Service's proposal to move mail processing operations from Cheyenne to Denver.

"As Wyoming Secretary of State, I oppose this proposal," Secretary Gray wrote in the letter. Citing concerns with the Postal Service's repeated attempts to move mail processing out of Wyoming altogether, Secretary Gray noted the negative impact of moving mail processing out of the state, especially on Wyoming elections. "Since the Postal Service announced this proposal to move mail processing operations from Casper to Billings, as well as its proposal to move mail processing operations from the Cheyenne Processing and Distribution Center to the Denver Processing and Distribution Center, my office has been contacted by numerous Wyomingites, concerned that processing Wyoming election mail outside the state of Wyoming would delay delivery of mail-in ballots and otherwise impede the integrity of the upcoming 2024 election. I share these same concerns, and I view these repeated and disturbing proposals to move mail processing outside the State of Wyoming as detrimental to Wyoming elections and the people of Wyoming."

Secretary Gray's letter concluded, "I request the Postal Service withdraw its proposal as written."

A copy of Secretary Gray's letter can be found here.

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