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Secretary Gray Applauds U.S. House of Representatives' Passage of Legislation Requiring Proof of U.S. Citizenship to Register to Vote

CHEYENNE, WY – On July 10, Secretary of State Chuck Gray issued a statement applauding the United States House of Representatives' passage of H.R. 8281, the Safeguard American Voter Eligibility (SAVE) Act. The SAVE Act ensures only U.S. Citizens vote in elections for federal office by requiring documentary proof of United States Citizenship at the time of voter registration. The SAVE Act was introduced by Chip Roy (R-TX), and cosponsored by Wyoming's Congresswoman Harriet Hageman.

"As I have <u>said previously</u>, I am in complete and total support of the SAVE Act," Secretary Gray said. "Only U.S. Citizens should be voting in our elections. With the ongoing Biden-created crisis at the southern border affecting each and every state, including Wyoming, preventing illegal aliens from voting is paramount to election integrity, and national security. Our office previously adopted amendments to our Election Procedures that would have prevented illegal immigrants from registering to vote and that would have required proof of Wyoming residency to register to vote. But our election integrity rules, very similar to the SAVE Act, were vetoed by Governor Mark Gordon. Governor Gordon's veto was very unfortunate. Government at all levels should ensure appropriate safeguards to ensure only U.S. citizens, not illegal aliens, are voting. I applaud the House of Representatives for passing the SAVE Act and Congresswoman Hageman for her support of the bill, and look forward to seeing its passage by the United States Senate."

The text of the SAVE Act can be found here.

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