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## Secretary Gray Statement in Support of National Only Citizens Vote Week, Continues Demand for State and Federal Action Requiring Proof of U.S. Citizenship to Vote

CHEYENNE, WY – In recognition and support of September 16th-20th as National Only Citizens Vote Week, Wyoming Secretary of State Chuck Gray made the following statement calling for both state and federal laws requiring proof of U.S. citizenship to vote.

"As I have <u>said previously</u>, I am in complete and total support of both state and federal laws requiring proof of U.S. citizenship, to ensure that illegal immigrants are banned from voting in the United States," Secretary Gray said. "Only U.S. Citizens should be voting in our elections. The ongoing Biden-Harris created crisis at the southern border is affecting each and every state, including Wyoming. Our office previously adopted amendments to our Election Procedures that would have required proof of Wyoming residency and prevented illegal immigrants from registering to vote in Wyoming, but these were vetoed by Governor Mark Gordon. In light of the Governor's veto of our proposed rules, it is now more important than ever that government at all levels ensure appropriate safeguards to ensure only U.S. citizens, not illegal aliens, are voting. This is exactly why I am also in support of the SAVE Act, which will ensure all states have similar requirements to the ones I proposed."

Secretary Gray went on to note that he would continue to push for state action to require proof of U.S. citizenship to vote. "We had a huge win in last week's Supreme Court decision upholding Arizona's right to require proof of U.S. citizenship to vote, and I continue to believe state action is paramount to securing our elections. Despite the Governor's veto of our proposed rules, I will continue to push for state action to prevent illegal immigrants from voting, including legislation in the 2025 Legislative Session."

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