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## Secretary Gray Lambasts New York City Primary's Use of Ranked Choice Voting as "Disastrous"

CHEYENNE, WY – Secretary Gray opposes ranked choice voting and worked to pass a complete ban of ranked choice voting in the 2025 General Session (House Enrolled Act 71). In response to New York City's Mayoral Primary Election held on June 24th, which won't be fully tabulated until at least July 1st due to its system of ranked choice voting and ballots received days after the election, Secretary Gray made the following statement:

"The New York City primary reveals what ranked choice voting looks like: an absolute and utter disaster. New York City's use of ranked choice voting is a system which disenfranchises voters through ballot exhaustion and its confusing nature. The outrageously wrongheaded ranked choice voting system, as well as New York's counting of ballots received days after the election, means we don't even have a date certain for counting the ballots. I'm proud of our work to ban ranked choice voting in Wyoming to ensure ranked choice voting never happens in Wyoming."

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