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Secretary Gray Sends Letter in Opposition to Goshen County Precinct Consolidation Proposal

CHEYENNE, WY – On September 8th, Wyoming Secretary of State Chuck Gray sent a letter to the Goshen County Board of County Commissioners urging Goshen County to reject proposals to move toward vote centers, and away from precinct voting, in Goshen County. This letter supplements his comments in opposition to the proposal that were made at the Goshen County Commissioners' meeting on August 19th.

"I'm totally opposed to these vote center proposals that move away from traditional precinct voting," Gray said. "These proposals make it more difficult for voters to vote in person on the day of the election by increasing the distance that qualified electors will have to travel in order to reach the polls. There are multiple consequences to increasing this distance. First, voters in these areas will be less likely to vote, which is unacceptable. In addition, these proposals will discourage in-person voting, which is much more secure. The bottom line is this: precinct polling places are in line with superior accessibility, as well as safety and security standards, compared to vote centers. That is why I'm totally opposed to these proposals."

To read Secretary Gray's letter, click <u>here</u>.

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