

Wyoming Secretary of State

Chuck Gray



December 27, 2023

Via U.S. Mail and Electronic Submission

Honorable Louis DeJoy
Postmaster General
United States Postal Service
475 L'Enfant Plaza SW, Room 10300
Washington, DC 20260

Re: USPS Review and Proposal

Dear Postmaster General DeJoy:

These comments pertain to the United States Postal Service's mail processing facility review of processing operations at the Cheyenne Processing and Distribution Center and the Postal Service's proposal to move mail processing operations from the Cheyenne Processing and Distribution Center to the Denver Processing and Distribution Center. I oppose this proposal. I'm concerned about how it will delay the delivery of mail. Along with other aspects of the proposal that I find troubling, I'm also concerned that it threatens the integrity of our electoral process and delays the processing of election mail. In addition to requesting that the Postal Service withdraw its proposal, I would like to receive clear clarification as to the status of election mail under this proposal.

As the chief election officer for the State of Wyoming, I am tasked with maintaining uniformity in the application and operation of the election laws of Wyoming. Since the Postal Service announced its proposal, our office has been contacted by numerous Wyomingites, concerned that processing Wyoming election mail in Denver would delay delivery of mail-in ballots and impede the integrity of Wyoming elections. I have these same concerns.

I would also like to receive clarification as to the status of election mail under the Postal Service's proposal. While I understand past practice has been to isolate Wyoming ballots for local processing, I believe Wyoming deserves written assurance from the Postal Service that Wyoming ballots will continue to be isolated and processed in Wyoming, rather than be shipped to Denver for processing.

For the foregoing reasons, I respectfully request the Postal Service withdraw its proposal. I also request that the Postal Service provide written assurances as to what the procedures for election mail will be under the proposal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Chuck Gray". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "C" and a long, sweeping underline.

Chuck Gray
Wyoming Secretary of State