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## Secretary of State's Office Responds to ACLU's Cease and Desist Letter

**CHEYENNE, WY** – Earlier today, there was hand delivered to the Secretary of State's Office a "cease and desist" letter from ACLU and Equality State Policy Center asserting that the Secretary of State's verification of citizenship is discriminatory. The Secretary of State's Office immediately referred the "cease and desist" to the Wyoming Attorney General for review on the merits.

"It is my responsibility as Wyoming's Chief Election Official to uphold the law that only eligible Citizens of the United States be allowed to cast a ballot. When Wyoming's County Clerks and I are faced with voter eligibility cross-check data that conflicts with voter poll books as to a person's eligibility (whether for citizenship, felony, or deceased status), we will not ignore our responsibility to reconcile the conflict. With respect to the citizenship cases in question, we've worked proactively and diligently to determine any conflict with the hope of resolving any problems in advance of a person's arrival at the polling place. For this reason, we believe that most of these individuals have responded very positively, understanding the situation and willing to update their documentation and clarify their citizenship. I reiterate that nobody who is an eligible citizen is being denied the opportunity to vote," said Secretary Murray.

The Secretary of State's Office verifies voter registration data with the following Wyoming Departments: WYDOT; Division of Criminal Investigation; Department of Health; and the Department of Corrections. Through this verification process, every voter registration is matched against each of these databases to effectively determine voter eligibility and prevent fraudulent registrations by felons, deceased persons, or non-citizens.

"The State of Wyoming takes the voting rights of all of its citizens very seriously. If any voter in Wyoming, for any reason, encounters an issue at their polling location that voter is encouraged to contact our office or their County Clerk who can provide the necessary assistance," said State Election Director Kai Schon. "No qualified voter will knowingly be denied their constitutional right to exercise their electoral franchise to vote for the candidate of their choosing."

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