

Wyoming Secretary of State

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Bryan Steil, Chairman
Joseph D. Morelle, Ranking Minority Member
COMMITTEE ON HOUSE ADMINISTRATION

***Re: Written Testimony of Wyoming Secretary of State Chuck Gray Before the
Committee on House Administration, "Make Elections Great Again: How to Restore
Trust and Integrity in Federal Elections"***

Dear Chairman Steil and Ranking Member Morelle:

Thank you for allowing me to provide this testimony in complete and total support of the Make Elections Great Again Act, or MEGA Act. The MEGA Act instills baseline, common-sense standards to instill integrity, security, and confidence in federal elections across the country. It is also key in fulfilling President Trump's Executive Order Preserving and Protecting the Integrity of American Elections, of which I stand in complete and total support.

As a member of the Wyoming State Legislature, and now as Wyoming's Secretary of State and chief election official, I have supported and defended many of the standards set forth in the MEGA Act. These include our legislation requiring Voter ID, requiring documentary proof of United States citizenship to register to vote, banning ranked choice voting, instituting election-day deadlines for receipt of absentee ballots, and banning the private funding of election administration, otherwise known as "Zuck Bucks." To date, these measures have withstood scrutiny and challenge, and are being successfully implemented in accordance with Wyoming law.

I want to speak specifically in support of the MEGA Act's common-sense requirement to require documentary proof of United States citizenship for registering to vote in federal elections. Despite the worn out cries we hear from the radical left Democrat Party, requiring proof of U.S. citizenship to vote is not unnecessary, or overburdensome. On the contrary, it is essential to ensuring enforcement of state and federal law, which unambiguously requires U.S. citizenship to vote.

One thing I have been especially passionate about during my time as Wyoming Secretary of State is requiring documentary proof of United States citizenship and proof of Wyoming residency to vote in Wyoming, in order to ensure that U.S. citizens, and only U.S. citizens, are able to vote in our elections. In fact, this was the number one priority of our administration's

Election Integrity Reform Agenda, which we announced ahead of Wyoming's 2025 Legislative Session. In partnership with the Wyoming Legislature, we brought this through landmark legislation, patterned off the requirements in the SAVE Act and the MEGA Act, to verify a person's citizenship when they register to vote through documentary proof of citizenship.

On the eve of our proof of citizenship measure taking effect, the radical left, through high-profile DNC Attorney and Russia Hoaxer Marc Elias, filed a federal lawsuit to block this common-sense legislation from taking effect. Immediately, our administration went to work, preparing a vigorous defense through top election lawyers at the Dhillon Law Group.

The lawsuit over the landmark proof of citizenship law drew national attention, attracting the support of President Trump's Department of Justice, the Republican National Committee, and Republican Attorneys General, all who filed briefs in support of our position. I am extremely grateful to both the Trump Administration, the RNC, and all common-sense conservatives who supported our defense of this lawsuit, and recognized what it meant: proof of citizenship is not only common-sense; it is necessary to safeguarding our elections.

As we expected, we prevailed. On July 22nd, the United States District Court for the District of Wyoming granted our motion to dismiss this federal lawsuit, finding that Marc Elias and his leftist goons could find NO ONE who was actually harmed or could be harmed by this new election integrity law. This is because, in Wyoming, as in the rest of the country, it is easy for all eligible, U.S. citizens, to obtain acceptable identification proving their citizenship. The left's claims to the contrary are simply untrue, and defy reality.

We have successfully defended proof of citizenship for registering to vote, and this landmark legislation remains the law of the land in Wyoming. It is so important that we pass the MEGA Act, to require documentary proof of U.S. citizenship in all federal elections, so that these protections can be in place across the country.

I also want to speak in support of many of the uniform standards that the MEGA Act would impose on all states, which we are still pushing for in Wyoming. These include measures to ban ballot harvesting, and institute a uniform, auditable standard for pen and paper ballots. These election integrity measures are essential to ensuring safety and security of our votes. I applaud the Committee for spearheading this work at the federal level, and for following through on many of the essential reforms laid out in President Trump's Executive Order Preserving and Protecting the Integrity of American Elections. I stand with President Trump, and the committee, in fighting to achieve these goals.

Let me be clear. I strongly believe that the MEGA Act's standards are common-sense, implementable, and most importantly, essential, to restoring the integrity and security of elections across the United States. As Chairman Steil has noted, the MEGA Act will not only restore voter confidence by implementing baseline standards that the people of the United States want, but it will also strengthen election integrity by making it easy to vote, but hard to cheat. I stand in complete and total support of the MEGA Act.

Sincerely,

Chuck Gray
Wyoming Secretary of State