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Nethercott: Gray Hiding Election Money, Violating Law

Gray's Mystery Money to be Subject of Federal Investigation

CHEYENNE, Wyo — Republican Secretary of State Candidate Tara Nethercott cited the recent federal complaint filed against candidate Chuck Gray and his admitted refusal to disclose the source of his campaign funds — \$300,000 hidden from voters and now the subject of an FEC investigation — when she said today this disqualifies Gray from the Wyoming elections chief job.

"Wyoming voters can't trust him — he is willfully hiding elections money and defying federal election disclosure laws. Wyoming wants to know: where did the money come from?"

Nethercott was referring to a federal FEC filing made this year for his short-lived run for US Congress in which Gray claimed he makes \$11,000 a year and has no significant personal assets, including not owning a home. Yet campaign information also shows Gray loaned his campaign \$300,000.

"It doesn't add up," Nethercott said. "Where did that money come from in that House race? What is Gray hiding? By his own statement to the Casper Star Tribune he will not disclose or make a statement about where that \$300,000 came from. That makes the FEC investigation even more important — and should make voters doubt him entirely."

Former Secretary of State, Max Maxfield, recently filed a federal complaint in this matter. "It is highly unlikely that an individual with no notable assets and income levels far below the poverty level could have the cash on hand to loan himself nearly \$300,000," the complaint reads.

"No one who is hiding and failing to disclose that amount of money to his own campaign should be the head of Wyoming elections," Nethercott said.

[Publicly available business records found at the Wyoming Secretary of State's](#) website for Jan Charles Gray's business Mt Rushmore Broadcasting – from which Chuck Gray reported income in the filing – appears to list that business's filings as “delinquent.”

Wyoming's chief elections office, the Secretary of State, is charged with following election laws to ensure the state's election integrity. The office also handles and enforces business filings to ensure a business-friendly climate.

Nethercott asked, “Is there even more money that he is hiding and won't disclose? Wyoming should not elect him Secretary of State — that office must follow the laws, not violate them.”

She reiterated that Wyoming needs to know: where did the mystery money come from? She called upon every reporter in the state to ask Gray this question—and not stop—until they get the truth.

For more information on Senator Nethercott's issues and platform, votetaranethercott.com.