

## RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ELECTION CODE VIOLATION COMPLAINT

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**Whereas**, an Election Complaint was provided to the Sheridan County Republican Party by a Republican constituent of Carbon County (and is an addendum to this resolution) that contains:

“Recently the Wyoming Supreme Court ruled that political parties “cannot expand on state law or make their own interpretations of how it’s written.” and “can’t circumvent state law through their own rulemaking.

With consideration of the statute and the Court's ruling respectively, the issue of Political Equality as defined in the Wyoming Constitution must also be considered:

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**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** The Sheridan County Republican Party supports the formal election complaint provided and further supports the issue of the Wyoming Democrat Party State Chairman Election practice be investigated and addressed so that the State Statute, Constitution, and Supreme Court decision are being equally considered and applied to all Political Parties major and minor; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** The Sheridan County Republican Party demands that State Statute - Title 22, Chapter 4, Article 1 and Article 3 are either amended, clarified, combined, or repealed to ensure the independent and equal operation of all political parties in accordance with the Wyoming State Constitution and the recent supreme court decision.



**Wyoming Secretary of State**

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## Wyoming Election Code Violation Complaint Form

This form may be used and filed with the secretary of state when any person believes a violation of the Wyoming Election Code by any statewide or legislative candidate, committee or organization has occurred. The form may also be used and filed with the county clerk when any person suspects a violation of the Wyoming Election Code by any county or municipal candidate, committee or organization has occurred. Please see W.S. § 22-26-121.

1. Printed name of person making complaint: JOEY CORRENTI IV  
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2. State the facts of the alleged violation including date, time, place and relevant actions of people involved:

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Throughout Wyoming Statute, the terms **“WOMAN”** and **“FEMALE”** appear very few time overall and no formal definitions or Male, Man, Female, WOMAN, State CommitteeMAN or State CommitteeWOMAN appear anywhere in title 22.

W.S. 8-3-101. “Great seal of the state of Wyoming” states “There shall be a great seal of the state of Wyoming, which shall be of the following design, viz: A circle one and one-half (1 1/2) inches in diameter, on the outer edge or rim of which shall be engraved the words "Great Seal of the State of Wyoming." The design shall conform substantially to the following description: A pedestal, showing on the front thereof an eagle resting upon a shield, the shield to have engraved thereon a star and the figures, "44," being the number of Wyoming in the order of admission to statehood. Standing upon the pedestal shall be a draped **figure of a WOMAN**, modeled after the statue of the "Victory of the Louvre,"

W.S. 20-1-101. “Marriage a civil contract” is still currently in statute despite the judicial relief granted by the U.S. Supreme Court and states “Marriage is a civil contract between a **MALE** and a **FEMALE** person to which the consent of the parties capable of contracting is essential.”

W.S. 25-2-103. “Wyoming women's center; establishment; purpose; supervision” states “(a) The Wyoming women's center is established at Lusk, Wyoming, to provide a place of confinement, employment and training for convicted **FEMALE** felons sentenced to the custody of the department of corrections to serve a term of imprisonment in a state penal institution.”

W.S. 23-2-107. “Wild bison licenses” states “(f) Any person who is issued: (i) An any wild bison license and harvests: (A) A **bull** of the species shall be ineligible to apply for or receive an any wild bison license in any future year, but shall be eligible to apply for and receive a **FEMALE** or calf wild bison license in the immediately following season; (B) A **FEMALE** or calf of the species shall be ineligible to apply for or receive a **FEMALE** or calf wild bison license in the immediately following five (5) years, but shall be eligible to apply for and receive an any wild bison license in the immediately following season. (ii) A **FEMALE** or calf wild bison license and harvests a **FEMALE** or calf of the species shall be ineligible to apply for or receive an any wild bison license or a **FEMALE** or calf wild bison license in the immediately following five (5) years.

There is a clear pattern of the recognition and differentiation of male and female appearing throughout statute although little formal definition withing statute exists.

W.S. 35-6-101. “Definitions” states “(a) As used in the act, unless the context otherwise requires: (viii) **“WOMAN”** means any **FEMALE** person;

W.S. 6-1-104. “Definitions” further defines “(a) As used in this act, unless otherwise defined: (xvii) **“FEMALE genital mutilation”** includes the partial or total removal of the clitoris, prepuce, labia minora, with or without excision of the labia majora, the narrowing of the vaginal opening such as through the creation of a covering seal formed by cutting and repositioning the inner or outer labia, with or without removal of the clitoris, any harmful procedure to the genitalia, including pricking, piercing, incising, scraping or cauterizing or any other actions intended to alter the structure or function of the **FEMALE** genitalia for nonmedical reasons. **“FEMALE genital mutilation”** does not include a procedure performed by a licensed health care provider that is medically necessary due to a medically recognized condition or medically advisable or necessary to preserve or protect the physical health of the person on whom it is performed;

Mr. Langford, being born a biological, male does not meet the criteria for being a **WOMAN or a FEMALE** as defined in statute and therefore cannot be elected as a State Committee **WOMAN** without himself, his county party and his state party being in violation of W.S. 22-4-105

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With consideration of the statute and the Court’s ruling respectively, the issue of Political Equality as defined in the Wyoming Constitution must also be considered:

“Art I, Sec. 3. Equal political rights - Since equality in the enjoyment of natural and civil rights is only made sure through political equality, **the laws of this state affecting the political rights and privileges of its citizens shall be without distinction** of race, color, sex, or any circumstance or condition whatsoever **other than individual incompetency, or unworthiness duly ascertained by a court of competent jurisdiction.**”

Seeing as there is no known individual incompetency, or unworthiness duly ascertained by a court of competent jurisdiction currently recognized as effecting any of the individuals participating in the rulemaking process for the Wyoming Democrat party, Then Albany County Democrat Party or the Wyoming Republican Party, then this afore mentioned statute should be applied equally to members of both genders and all parties as to ensure the equal political rights of all members of each of the two genders in any political party described in the afore mentioned statute.

I believe the Wyoming Democrat Party practice of electing a biological male to the position of State Committee **WOMAN** is a violation of W.S. 22-4-105 as it is written and is another case of a political party **expanding on state law, making their own interpretations of how it’s written, and circumventing state law through their own rulemaking** in violation of the recent Supreme Court decision.

I also believe that even though this practice by the Wyoming Democrat Party may be a violation of election code as well as an infringement on the Political Equality provision of the Wyoming State Constitution, and a disregard of the Supreme Court Decision, I do not believe it is an intentionally criminal act.

More realistically, this seems to be another instance of issues that are arising more frequently due to the unclear language and unequal regulation of political parties contained in Title 22, Chapter 4, Article 1 (Major Political Parties) and Article 3 (Minor Political Parties).

The fact that two separate statutory designations (Major and Minor Political Parties), along with differing regulations and requirements granting rights and restrictions to some but not all, exist for political parties in Wyoming without any **documented individual incompetency, or unworthiness duly ascertained by a court of competent jurisdiction of each Political Party’s individual members** is in of itself a violation of the Political Equality provision of the Wyoming State Constitution as it creates a process where the individual members of the electorate are granted rights or restrictions on their political activities solely based on political affiliation and not with any **documented individual incompetency, or unworthiness duly ascertained by a court of competent jurisdiction**, which are the only two determining factors that the laws of this state may address to affect the political rights and privileges of its citizens.

I am requesting that the issue of the Albany County Democrat Party election practice of voting a biological male as their State Committee **WOMAN** in violation of W.S. 22-4-105 be investigated and addressed so that the Statute, Constitution, and Supreme Court decision are being equally considered to all Political Parties.

I would prefer that the intent and focus of the investigation not to be a chastising or conviction of the Wyoming Democrat Party, but instead to lead to an understanding of the lack of clarity, unconstitutional inequality, and gross hypocrisy that exist in Title 22, Chapter 4, Article 1 (Major Political Parties) -vs- Article 3 (Minor Political Parties) and hopefully lead to a revision of the statutes to properly reflect the provisions of our State Constitution and finally, through clear and concise language in statute, grant actual Equal Political Rights to all members of all political parties and citizens of both genders in Wyoming while also allowing equal enforcement, protection of, and protection from, the law.

I am available to answer questions and provide clarity as to my concern, intent, and vision of how this can be accomplished as I cannot state strongly enough that this investigation should not be a witch-hunt of Democrats, nor should it be a damming of one political party, but a path to clear understanding, equal regulation, and proper constitutional protection of all political parties, members of both genders, and more importantly of the Constitutionally recognized and protected members of the entirety of the electorate that populate the private organizations known as political parties.

3. If the secretary of state, or county clerk, as appropriate, finds this complaint has merit and suspects a violation of the Election Code, the secretary of state, or county clerk, shall refer the complaint to the Wyoming attorney general, or district attorney, for investigation and prosecution.



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Signature of Person Filing Complaint

## Supporting Materials

<https://cowboystatedaily.com/2023/03/29/floodgates-are-open-with-lawsuit-challenging-uw-sorority-over-transgender-member/>

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plaintiffs attorneys, John Knepper and Cassie Craven, have asked for pseudonymity to protect both Langford and the plaintiffs.

## Democratic Party Figure

However, Langford has been outspoken about being the sorority's first transgender member, and has become a well-known figure as a legislative intern for the Wyoming Democratic Party.

Wyoming Democratic Party chair Joe Barbuto did not immediately respond Wednesday to a Cowboy State Daily voicemail requesting comment. However, the party announced via Twitter on Tuesday that Langford has been elected as a "state committeewoman" for the Albany County Democrats.



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County parties across Wyoming have been holding elections and welcoming new leadership! We are so grateful to these awesome humans willing to dedicate their time to making their county & state a better place!



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out in common areas and eating dinner. Next year they are set to move into the house, which can accommodate only 50 KKG members. Once they moves in officially, they will be able to use the shared showers and other facilities.

Langford was [admitted](#) to KKG through inclusivity language recently issued by KKG leadership allowing for “individuals who identify as women.” Langford said in an interview that they see joining KKG as their first trans member as “trailblazing” and “breaking the glass ceiling.” One report stated the interview they gave breaks KKG’s policy about speaking to the press on their behalf. However, Langford has reportedly been exempted from this policy but none of the other sorority members have received the same exemptions.

Langford has also been very active in Democratic politics. They were given praise by the Wyoming Democrats on their [Twitter](#) account, calling them their “BEST Legislative Intern.” [Langford has since been named a “state committeewoman” for the party.](#)