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## Wyoming Democratic Party Responds to Hageman Canceling In-Person Town Halls

Cheyenne - WDP has issued the following statement on Harriet Hageman's decision to cancel in-person town halls.

Representative Hageman's decision to cancel in-person town halls is disappointing. These events are supposed to be a cornerstone of representative democracy—a chance for constituents to speak directly with their elected officials, share concerns, ask tough questions, and hold leaders accountable. Choosing to end them undercuts transparency and sends the message that she'll only engage with the public on her terms.

Instead of listening to the people of Wyoming, she's now blaming them, dismissing their concerns as part of an unfounded national conspiracy.

The fact is, when leaders ignore or dismiss their constituents, avoid tough questions, or stoke division with inflammatory rhetoric, they create an environment of frustration and distrust. That's not solved by retreating behind virtual filters—it's solved by rebuilding trust, showing up, and answering questions honestly.

Let us be clear: The Wyoming Democratic Party does not condone violence, threats, or harassment of any kind. Elected officials and their staff should be safe, and we support investigations into any such incidents.

But protest is not violence. It is a fundamental right protected by the Constitution. Using peaceful dissent as an excuse to avoid public accountability does a disservice to the people of Wyoming, their voices should matter.

If Rep. Hageman finds the public's response uncomfortable, maybe the issue isn't with the people—it's with the record she's defending.

Leadership means showing up, even when it's hard.

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