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Wyoming Association of Community College Trustees (WACCT) Opposes Proposition #1 on November Ballot

RIVERTON, Wyo. — September 1, 2026 — The Wyoming Association of Community College Trustees (WACCT) recently announced that its Board has unanimously adopted a resolution opposing **Proposition #1**, a ballot measure that would further reduce residential property taxes statewide. Trustees warn that the measure would significantly diminish the most stable source of local funding for Wyoming's community colleges, threatening their ability to serve students, employers, and communities.

Over the past several years, Wyoming homeowners have experienced rapid increases in residential property taxes, prompting the Legislature to enact multiple relief measures — including the 25% homeowner's exemption, the long-term homeowner exemption, and other structural changes. While these actions have provided meaningful relief to taxpayers, they have also reduced the dependable local revenue stream that supports community colleges.

WACCT's resolution notes that cumulative legislative relief measures have already contributed to declining revenues, escalating costs, and years of budget cuts across the state's eight community colleges. Proposition #1 would compound these impacts, further eroding local control and limiting trustees' ability to plan, respond to workforce needs, and make decisions based on community priorities.

Wyoming's community colleges play a vital role in every region of the state — providing affordable education, training the workforce, supporting local employers, and strengthening economic development. Continued erosion of stable local revenues risks pushing colleges past a tipping point, resulting in program cuts, reduced services, and diminished opportunities for Wyoming residents.

"Residential property taxes are the most stable and reliable source of local funding for our colleges, and Proposition #1 puts that stability at real risk. Wyoming's community colleges are already navigating years of declining revenues and rising costs, and further eroding their most dependable funding stream threatens the programs, services, and opportunities our students and employers rely on. Wyoming is at a crossroads, and we cannot afford a measure that undermines local control and weakens the institutions that train our workforce and strengthen our communities," commented Don Erickson, WACCT Past President and LCCC Trustee.

The resolution affirms WACCT's opposition to Proposition #1 and commits the association to educating the public, policymakers, and community partners about the measure's impacts. WACCT also reiterates its support for sustainable, locally driven funding solutions that protect students, strengthen the workforce, and uphold the Wyoming tradition of local control and

community-centered decision-making. The resolution was **unanimously adopted on August 20, 2026.**