

**Date:** Tue, 10 Dec 2013 07:37:21 -0700  
**From:** "Jim Tracy" <[jimtr@utahcounty.gov](mailto:jimtr@utahcounty.gov)>  
**To:** <[info@utgunrights.com](mailto:info@utgunrights.com)>  
**Cc:** <[allsheriffs@utahsheriffs.org](mailto:allsheriffs@utahsheriffs.org)>  
**Subject:** Re: Why Did Utah's Sheriffs Oppose HB 76?

To Whoever,

Again you mix your preconceived and predetermined conclusions as to what I or the Sheriffs' Association has done or did not do regarding HB 76 in your conclusionary statements regarding your pronouncements that we were engaged in activities such as "diverting attention", "secret meetings", and actions "to determine governmental policies that unjustly criminalize citizen self defense", you have made up your mind even prior to having received my written response.

I will not be sending you, who ever you are, any further written response, I do not associate with "secret combinations" or with those who will not operate on an equal level of transparency.

You can ascribe any dark and furtive motive to my choice to not deal with your ghost organization that you will, as most assuredly you will, and it will be as inaccurate as your other uninformed predetermined pronouncements.

I am an ardent defender of the Bill of Rights, and in particular the 2nd Amendment, a dedicated shooting sports participant, gun owner, 35 year plus member of the NRA, I built and opened the Utah County Sheriff's Office gun range to the public for use with out fees, I have and do encourage all non-felony convicted citizens to exercise their right to arm themselves and be active participants in their own personal protection, so make what you will of my last response to you, "who ever you are", and I will look forward to viewing what ever childish cartoon characters you will put up on your Webb site along with your pronouncements.

In closing I would again ask, who are you, what are you afraid of that makes you hide who you are and who is it that types these ghost e-mails from behind your curtain of secrecy?

I am Sheriff James O. Tracy  
Utah County Sheriff

And you are?

Sent from my iPhone

**On Dec 9, 2013, at 10:21 PM, "UT Gun Rights <[info@utgunrights.com](mailto:info@utgunrights.com)>" wrote:**

Mr. Tracy,

Again, note that this correspondence will be shared with the public. Also remember that you contacted UT Gun Rights regarding the article it posted, and requested to clarify your position. At least one citizen made a GRAMA request to your office, and, to the knowledge of UT Gun Rights, you provided no relevant information to him regarding your political communications and actions related to HB 76.

The question is simple: Do you wish to provide an official, written statement -- preferably on your letterhead -- to be shared in its entirety with the UT Gun Rights audience? In addition to commentary, you should expect additional questions regarding your reply, which you will be invited to respond to. Whether you answer any questions or not will not affect publication of your written statement in its entirety.

Your attempt to divert attention from the Utah Sheriff's Association's support for gun control and your lack of support for HB 76 is disappointing, but informative. As a sheriff and president of the Utah Sheriff's Association,

you should be sufficiently confident of your and the SA's political positions and behavior to provide details of them in written form to any individual or organization. Plainly, the positions are not affected by the individual or organization with which you communicate. **UT Gun Rights believes that your public positions should be as informative, unambiguous, and accurate as is possible and that you should want to clarify in writing any misrepresentation that you believe has occurred.**

If you sincerely wish to share your perspective with the UT Gun Rights audience, who "we" are is not material toward that objective. The UT Gun Rights audience does not care who is involved with it as long as the audience is provided factual information from which it can reach its own independent conclusions.

You have chosen to meet secretly at taxpayer expense with other elected officials and bureaucrats to determine governmental policies that unjustly criminalize citizen self defense. UT Gun Rights is a news and analysis organization that believes it is desirable to expose such actions to citizens and has the means to do so. If you agree, that is all you require to make your decision to respond.

By December 12 please provide UT Gun Rights with your written statement. If none is provided, UT Gun Rights will move forward under the assumption that you are unwilling to do so. If you need additional time to prepare your written statement, or if you would like UT Gun Rights to assist you with it, please respond prior to December 12.

UT Gun Rights

**At 01:05 AM 11/25/2013, Jim Tracy wrote:**

To who ever you are:

I am out of the Country until Dec. 2nd and do not have a computer, just my cell phone and will not be trying to write a written response on my phone.

I still am concerned that I have no idea who "We" are, your article suggests that the Sheriffs might be hiding something" yet the only ones that seem to be hiding something is your organization's leadership names or board members names.

Can you please explain to me why you will not furnish the names of who I will be dealing with or at least identify who ever it is that is typing these e-mails? You know who we are. Why no reciprocal courtesy?

Talk about looking like someone is hiding something!

Your refusal to identify yourselves may cause me to decide not to respond to your request for a written response, I am still offering to speak to some one person to person.

Sheriff James O. Tracy

Sent from my iPhone

**On Nov 25, 2013, at 9:48 AM, "UT Gun Rights <[info@utgunrights.com](mailto:info@utgunrights.com)>" wrote:**

Mr. Tracy,

We desire for you to take sufficient time to prepare a written response. We request, however, to know whether you are planning on providing such, and, if so, when you will submit it to us.

UT Gun Rights

**Date:** Thu, 07 Nov 2013 23:51:46 -0700  
**To:** "Jim Tracy" <[JIMTR@utahcounty.gov](mailto:JIMTR@utahcounty.gov)>  
**From:** UT Gun Rights <[info@utgunrights.com](mailto:info@utgunrights.com)>  
**Subject:** Re: Why Did Utah's Sheriffs Oppose HB 76?

Mr. Tracy,

We look forward to having a response directly from you with regard to the areas you mentioned:

- a. What you said to Mr. King in your conversation with him.
- b. Your response to our "supposition and assumptions" about you and your position on HB 76.

Please elaborate as you wish in written form to avoid any potential for transcription problems. This should be preferable since apparently you are displeased with the outcome of verbal communication that you initiated with Mr. King.

In addition to commentary, we will likely have additional questions for you regarding your reply, which we will also invite you to respond to.

We will post your writings and any responses you provide to our commentary and questions in their entirety on our website, along with this email correspondence. We prefer that your follow-on correspondence be on Sheriff's department letterhead with your signature to ensure its authenticity.

UT Gun Rights

**At 12:42 PM 11/7/2013, you wrote:**

To Who it may concern:

Thanks for extending an opportunity to clarify what I actually said to Mr. King in my conversation with him as he has reported to you in his letter found on your website concerning HB 76 and thank you for all your supposition and assumptions about me and my position on HB 76 that are stated in your article "**Why Did Utah's Sheriffs Oppose HB 76?**" that is currently posted on your web site. NOT.

If you care to have accurate information from me directly as to my stance on HB 76, rather than the misinformation that has been printed in your article and filtered through someone, who it appears has some type of agenda, I would be glad to have a conversation with someone who is affiliated directly with your organization, and yes, you can record it, I actually prefer it that way so anyone can listen for their self and make up their own mind about the subject.

My cell phone number is: 801-404-1816.

Waiting,

Sheriff James O. Tracy  
Utah County Sheriff  
Current President, Utah Sheriffs' Association