

From: "Craig Johnson" <craigajent@gmail.com>
To: "'UT Gun Rights'" <info@utgunrights.com>
Subject: RE: Reference to HB-76 letter sent to Governor from Syracuse City
Date: Fri, 15 Nov 2013 20:15:29 -0700

Thanks for your reply. I am ok with the use of our email correspondence as well as the points that you have stated below. Let me know when you have posted the resolution/information to your website.

Sincerely,
Craig Johnson
Syracuse City Councilman

From: UT Gun Rights [mailto:info@utgunrights.com]
Sent: Saturday, November 09, 2013 9:22 AM
To: Craig Johnson
Subject: RE: Reference to HB-76 letter sent to Governor from Syracuse City

Mr. Johnson,

Thank you for providing this to us. Please note that this resolution was not included in a previous citizen GRAMA request to governor Herbert regarding any communications his office has had regarding HB 76.

We will post this resolution, along with a message from you, to our website. If you desire, we can simply utilize our email correspondence in its entirety below. If not, we believe there are two points particularly useful for readers to understand:

(1) that the letter with Syracuse letterhead and listing the mayor and council was both unauthorized and inappropriate, given that the council was not even uninformed of its existence, and the council resolution, which was likewise transmitted to governor Herbert, demonstrates, in your view, clear support for HB 76 (or at least the spirit of such legislation), and

(2) your eyewitness testimony that there were significantly more than 2 people opposed to the ULCT position against HB 76.

If you believe it best to anonymously make the second point in a future web posting, we can do that as well. Please advise us on the message you wish to personally convey along with the resolution.

UT Gun Rights

From: "Craig Johnson" <craigajent@gmail.com>
To: "'UT Gun Rights'" <info@utgunrights.com>
Subject: RE: Reference to HB-76 letter sent to Governor from Syracuse City
Date: Thu, 7 Nov 2013 17:45:05 -0700

I have attached the signed copy of the 2nd Amendment Resolution. That would be great to have it posted.

Also in regards to your question about the ULCT meeting:
"I was in attendance when the league [ULCT] voted to oppose this bill [HB 76] and the vote was overwhelmingly to oppose it, in fact out of the 80 or so people in attendance only 2 voted no."

If Keefe's claim is accurate, and you are referencing this same meeting, your two votes would have comprised the only two votes against the ULCT position. Is this correct? If not, can you shed any additional light on that meeting and events surrounding it?

This is not correct. I would say that when this came up for vote there would have been around 10 or so that was opposed to the ULCT position. I did not get an exact count, but it definitely was not just the two of us.

Just as a note, from our current election results, the Syracuse residents elected in a new mayor, who is very much supportive of the 2nd Amendment.

Thanks much,

Craig Johnson
Syracuse City Councilman

From: UT Gun Rights [mailto:info@utgunrights.com]
Sent: Saturday, October 26, 2013 1:31 PM
To: Craig Johnson
Subject: Re: Reference to HB-76 letter sent to Governor from Syracuse City

Mr. Johnson,

We appreciate this additional information and insight. Could you please provide us with a signed copy of that resolution? We would like to post the resolution, along with your written statement on the matter.

In our alert you referenced, we also cited email correspondence from Terry Keefe, president of the Utah Chiefs of Police Association, who claimed the following:

"I was in attendance when the league [ULCT] voted to oppose this bill [HB 76] and the vote was overwhelmingly to oppose it, in fact out of the 80 or so people in attendance only 2 voted no."

If Keefe's claim is accurate, and you are referencing this same meeting, your two votes would have comprised the only two votes against the ULCT position. Is this correct? If not, can you shed any additional light on that meeting and events surrounding it?

Finally, we will soon release additional information regarding the behavior of Utah's sheriffs and the Utah Sheriff's Association with regard to HB 76. You may be disappointed to learn that this additional information is not favorable to them.

UT Gun Rights

From: "Craig Johnson" <craigajent@gmail.com>
To: <info@utgunrights.com>
Subject: Reference to HB-76 letter sent to Governor from Syracuse City
Date: Thu, 24 Oct 2013 12:52:00 -0600

Hi,

My name is Craig Johnson, I am a member of the Syracuse City Council and was looking at your

site. I came across a letter in your Alerts & Updates Page.

Utah Police Chiefs Overwhelmingly Support Gun Control (Alert for 6/3/13): The saga of betrayal continues. Police chiefs throughout the state of Utah, many with overt or implied backing of their mayors and city councils, implored governor Herbert to veto HB 76 S1 (Carry Unloaded Firearms Concealed). To learn more, [click here](#).

Upon clicking on the link to learn more, I found a link to Syracuse City [Syracuse](#) (mayor Jamie Nagle and chief Garret Atkin; letterhead also listing city council members Brian Duncan, Craig Johnson, Karianne Lisonbee, Douglas Peterson, and Larry Shingleton)

To my surprise was a letter with the Syracuse Letterhead and listing the Mayor and Council. This took me back because the Syracuse City Council was never made aware of this letter being sent. There was never any discussion within the Council for this and this did not get Council approval. It looks to me the only support was those that put their signatures on there and that this was sent without the council consent and support. I wish that this was never sent as it doesn't reflect the Council's values and position. It is unfortunate that this was sent by our Mayor and Police Chief without our knowledge.

I could summarize my response to this as such:

There was no discussion or approval concerning this from the council. This letter that was sent did not get council direction or approval. In fact Councilmember Lisonbee and I voted against the position of the ULCT with HB-76 in a ULCT meeting. We did pass a resolution related to the 2nd Amendment and in fact one section states: "BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the City of Syracuse supports legislation that protects and upholds the right to keep and bear arms, that does not ban assault weapons and high-capacity magazines, enforces existing gun laws, and continues to protect both open and concealed carry of arms;" This in of itself shows the support for HB-76, which was the intent. The letter sent to the Governor using the city's letter head and implying the council support is a blatant misrepresentation of the Syracuse City Council. I personally supported HB-76 along with all the other Utah State legislators that passed this in the first place and was against the veto of HB-76.

In fact, as stated above, the Syracuse Council adopted and passed a resolution for support of the 2nd Amendment and the Utah's Sheriff Association, which I was proud to spearhead this discussion and resolution.

Attached is a copy of the resolution that we passed concerning the 2nd Amendment.

I know this is an old issue, but if there is anything that can be done to clear the council's involvement with this letter being sent without the council's consent or support, please do so.

Thanks for the work you do and keep it up.

Craig Johnson
Syracuse City Councilman