

From: Michael Waddoups
To: amendmentone@comcast.net
Date: 4/12/2009 9:49 AM
Subject: Removal

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Senator Michael Waddoups
Representing Taylorsville & West Jordan
>>> "Jack Thompson" <amendmentone@comcast.net> 04/12/09 6:04 AM >>>

Interactive scene from Grand Theft Auto IV, bought and played by minors in Utah:

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April 12, 2009

The Honorable Mark Shurtleff, Attorney General, State of Utah
Salt Lake City, Utah Via Fax to 801-538-1121 and e-mail

Re: Your Failure to Prosecute the Criminal Sale of Pornography to Children

Dear Attorney General Shurtleff:

"The proof of the pudding is in the eating." Your nonfeasance proves my point, to-wit:

Your office continues to fail to prosecute the ongoing sale in Utah by major retailers Best Buy, Wal-Mart, Toys R Us, GameStop, and Target of Grand Theft Auto IV to minors. You are fully aware that these sales are ongoing. Each of the aforementioned retailers acknowledges that these sales are occurring. If you want proof of that under oath, let me know. I'll provide it. You can seek prosecution then of me for perjury if I am lying.

As to whether the pornographic material in GTA IV constitutes "sexual material harmful to minors" under Utah statutes, no rational person could claim otherwise. Here are links to that material, so can see for yourself:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IN0dsrl068w> and <http://boinkology.com/2008/04/29/the-ladies-of-liberty-city/>

You yourself have admitted that "no parents should allow their kids to play" GTA IV. The package itself admits it contains "strong sexual content," yet the sales are ongoing!

There is not a jury in Utah that would conclude that this could be legally sold to a minor, as it features graphic lap dances in "gentlemen's clubs" and sexual intercourse in cars followed by killing the women. What makes this worse is that kids are not observing this pornographic activity; they are acting it out in a virtual setting. All science proves this interactive acting out of this sewage poses a public safety and health hazard. You took an oath, Mr. Shurtleff, to stop such criminal activity.

Talk is cheap, Attorney General. You tell Utahns repeatedly that you want to keep pornography out of the hands of children. Prove it. Either prosecute this criminal activity, or shut up about what a bad guy I am. You are causing "little ones to stumble," and God's judgment is upon you for it. I intend to do something about it. Luke 17:2.

Happy Easter, Jack Thompson

From: Michael Waddoups
To: amendmentone@comcast.net
Date: 4/12/2009 6:28 PM
Subject: Re: Sir, did you look at the material being sold to minors in Utah that I sent you?

Yes, I've read them all and I got the picture. No more please.

Senator Michael Waddoups
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>>> "Jack Thompson" <amendmentone@comcast.net> 04/12/09 12:23 PM >>>

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From: Michael Waddoups
To: amendmentone@comcast.net
Date: 4/14/2009 9:24 AM
Subject: Re: One final thought, as I work now with Louisiana legislators, at their request...

I asked you before to remove me from your mailing list. I supported your bill but because of the harassment will not again. If I am not removed I will turn you over to the AG for legal action.

Senator Michael Waddoups
Representing Taylorsville & West Jordan
>>> "Jack Thompson" <amendmentone@comcast.net> 04/14/09 5:13 AM >>>
to pass the same law that Gov. Huntsman, on the advice of your corrupt AG's office, vetoed:

Gayle, with a great deal of affection for you, I would like to point out that you have repeatedly misstated the content of some of these video games, sometimes in a hearing.

You can't be a credible opponent of these games, that are sold to children, without knowing what is in them. Seventeen years ago, I was on ABC's Nightline, with Ted Koppel and Nadine Strossen, the head of the ACLU. Koppel asked her if she had actually listened to 2 Live Crew's album, since she was defending it. She said, "No." That was the end of the debate, and the national audience knew whom to believe.

If an opponent of this sewage has no credibility in defending something they've never observed or heard, then how in God's name can anyone who attacks it have credibility if they have no idea what they are attacking. This is silliness. It is selfishness, and it fully subverts everything someone who calls himself a public servant is called to be.

Here's a basic concept: "Know your enemy." The fact is, not a single legislator in Utah has any earthly idea of the vileness in these games, yet they are voting on these games, literally. The problem with this country is that we have officials who put their own comfort ahead of the safety of others. This is not unique to Washington. It is everywhere.

I'm protecting your kids and grandkids, even though you are not--as you are unwilling to see what is devouring them. How sad. How predictable.

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Cc: Mike Morley ; pmurphy@utah.gov ; dgruzicka@msn.com ; alan Osmond
Sent: Monday, April 13, 2009 2:18 PM
Subject: Response to my friend, Gayle Ruzicka's, email and letter

Dear Gayle and All:

I have received your letter just now. Allow me to respond:

I, also, celebrated our risen Savior yesterday, on the most important holy day of the year for most Christians. I respectfully and strongly disagree with your suggestion, Gayle, that sending it on Easter was somehow inappropriate. It was in fact the most appropriate day of the calendar year to send it. Jesus warned those who cause little ones to stumble that there will be a great price paid for doing so. Jesus came, among other things, to encourage us to care for those who can't care for themselves.

What I sent everyone, Gayle, was a still photo of what is in the game. I am quite sure any adult could handle seeing such a thing. What I did not make anyone do was click on the links. I doubt that anyone did. If they did, and it was explained what was in the link, then the person doing so would see what kids throughout Utah are not just seeing but acting out. Now, what I incongruous, Gayle, is that an adult would be upset with me for letting him or her know what kids are seeing because he or she saw it (by his or her choice!). How did we get to the point that we are offended by being alerted to this molestation that is ongoing rather than by the molestation itself. Taking offense at that, I would respectfully suggest, puts our own selves ahead of the victims. That is not right. In fact, it is not Scriptural.

Secondly, I didn't see anyone come to my defense when Mark Shurtleff went after me in an interview a full week and a half ago. Did I miss those who defended me? Then I ask Mr. Shurtleff to set the record straight--that someone in his office went to Gov. Huntsman and told him the bill was unconstitutional--and he refused to do so. Thus, Shurtleff, as is his cowardly custom, has it both ways: He gets to have the bill that inconveniences his donor ESA knocked out while at the same time falsely playing the role to Utahns of being a "protector of the children." I didn't see anyone call him on that. Did I miss that? So I did.

Then I ask him if he is going to prosecute those who are selling GTA IV to minors, which the retailers themselves admit, and this guy tells the media that his office has looked at that and its not pornographic. Gayle, please answer me this: Why are you upset with me that I sent a still picture from this game if the Great AG says himself it is not pornographic? How could anyone be offended, then, if I sent links to a game that this guy says is not inappropriate to sell to a minor? Can somebody answer me that?

Gayle, I love you and what you do for your state, but I would respectfully suggest that Utah as a whole had better wake up to the fact that it has a fake for an AG. We didn't go through all this on HB 353 just to have this Evel Knievel wannabe tube it so that he can keep a money conduit open from the video game industry.

I am the only fellow in this mix who has actually sat down with the surviving family members of video game violence and prayed with them about their loved ones who are dead and buried. I don't really need to be told, by anyone, how far is too far to go to prevent similar killings from happening. We are to go as far as it takes, and if it means running over the tender sensibilities of this dangerous clown you call your AG, then I am going to do so on Easter, Christmas, or Halloween, which is this clown's favorite Holy Day.

We're going to get this same law passed now in Louisiana, because they have an AG who is not on the take like Shurtleff. Frankly, if this guy is LDS, he ought to be thrown out of the church. Best, Jack Thompson

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Cc: Mike Morley ; pmurphy@utah.gov ; dguzicka@msn.com ; alan Osmond ;
dennis@gamepolitics.com
Sent: Thursday, April 09, 2009 8:34 AM
Subject: Letter to Utah's U.S. Senator Bob Bennett

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April 9, 2009

The Honorable Bob Bennett

United States Senate

431 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington DC 20510-4403 Via Fax and e-mail

Dear Senator Bennett:

As a lifelong conservative Republican who has spent a great deal of time in Utah over the past several years, I wish to thank you for your consistent and loyal representation of America's best interests in the U.S. Senate. I also congratulate you on picking up Mitt Romney's important endorsement this week for your re-election.

Since Utah Attorney General Mark Shurtleff is making noise about running against you, I think it important to let you know that he has twice now gone out of his way in abusing his office to facilitate the distribution of pornographic and hyperviolent Mature-rated video games to kids throughout Utah.

I drafted Utah's HB 353, which would have stopped these sales. It was passed in this latest session with more than 90% of the Utah legislators' votes in both houses, only to have Mr. Shurtleff work behind the scenes to persuade Gov. Huntsman to veto it. It is clear from the strange and baseless rationale Gov. Huntsman gave for his veto that he had been sold a bill of goods by Shurtleff.

You may know that the first (and in my opinion best) national ad run by Gov. Romney during his recent Presidential campaign was called "Ocean" in which he spoke movingly about our kids' immersion in toxic popular culture and the demonstrable role that played in the Columbine massacre, <http://www.cbsnews.com/video/watch/?id=3118281n>. Klebold and Harris trained on the very video games

that Mark Shurtleff has so actively protected through public service announcements paid for by the video game industry. Mr. Shurtleff has also taken thousands of dollars from the lobbyists for these violent games. Mr. Shurtleff is an avid video gamer himself.

In short, Mr. Shurtleff is the last person we need in the U.S. Senate. He has helped declare an open season for the entertainment industry's assault on our kids and families.

Finally, while Mr. Shurtleff was serving as front man for the violent video game industry, I was one of four honorees this past July 4 at Provo's Freedom Festival. Anything I can do to help with the voters of Utah, which has become my second home, please let me know.

Regards, Jack Thompson

Michael Waddoups - Re: News Release Re: Senator Waddoups' Threat

From: "Jack Thompson"
To: "Jack Thompson" , , , , , "Mark Shurtleff"
Date: 4/14/2009 2:45 PM
Subject: Re: News Release Re: Senator Waddoups' Threat
CC: "Mike Morley" , , , "alan Osmond" , "Brian Crecente" , , , "mark Shurtleff" ,

I just got off the phone with the Salt Lake Tribune. They called me regarding Sen. Waddoups' threat to unleash Mark Shurtleff on me. Talk about unintended consequences! Mark, bring it on!

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Sent: Tuesday, April 14, 2009 2:30 PM
Subject: News Release Re: Senator Waddoups' Threat

Immediate News Release – April 14, 2009

Utah State Senator Threatens Anti-Video Game Activist with Criminal Prosecution for Writing Him

Apparently unaware the First Amendment to the United States Constitution absolutely guarantees the right of citizens "to petition the government for a redress of grievances," Utah State Senator Michael Waddoups has threatened Miamian Jack Thompson, who has led the fight over the past decade against the illegal marketing and sale of Mature-rated video games to children, with criminal prosecution by the State of Utah for writing him.

Senator Waddoups is upset that Thompson has e-mailed him to set the record straight about Utah Attorney General Mark Shurtleff's behind-the-scenes efforts to persuade Utah Governor and RINO (Republican In Name Only) Jon Huntsman to veto a Bill Thompson wrote and passed by 90% of Utah's legislators. The Bill, House Bill 353, treats as fraud any retailer's promises not to sell adult movie and video games to kids under 17 when they are caught doing so. Thompson has also sent the good senator links to the porn segments of *Grand Theft Auto IV*, which is being openly sold to minors throughout Utah. This is a criminal act.

Mr. Waddoups is best known for his opposition to the University of Utah's banning of firearms from its campus. Apparently Mr. Waddoups has heard of the Second Amendment but not the one that precedes it. Maybe Mr. Waddoups is unaware of the Virginia Tech massacre of 32, authored by student who had an arsenal in his dorm room.

In the grip of such legislative ignorance, Mr. Waddoups has today threatened Mr. Thompson with criminal prosecution by Utah's Attorney General for writing him, the ultimate purpose of which is to encourage the Utah legislature to override Gov. Huntsman's bizarre veto. Thompson also informed Sen. Waddoups that the same Attorney General he wants to have prosecute Thompson has received thousands of dollars from the video game industry whom Mr. Shurtleff now helps protect. Gov. Huntsman has received their money as well. What a surprise. This is pay to play in Utah. Maybe the whistle blowing as to this is what concerns Mr. Waddoups the most.

This arrogant attitude by this state senator is precisely is the same stuff that is fueling hundreds of Tea Parties across the country, including one hosted by Utah favorite, Glenn Beck, at the Alamo in Austin, Texas tomorrow. When government thinks we work for them rather than the other way around, when government officials think they can threaten citizens with criminal prosecution for writing them, then it is time for tea.

Sen. Waddoups will continue to get First Amendment petitions from Jack Thompson. Thompson invites—nay, encourages—Utah's Attorney General Shurtleff to prosecute him for such petitions. As Dirty Harry and Ronald Reagan said, "Go ahead. Make my day." I think a jury of Utahns will have a ball with this one.

Contact Jack Thompson for more information at amendmentone@comcast.net and 305-666-4366.