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Dear Joey:

This is in response to your offer for a panel discussion with a live audience rather than a Facebook stream as proposed by me.

This offer is declined. Despite your assurances of civility by the audience (and participants), over the past several weeks, I call your attention to the following:

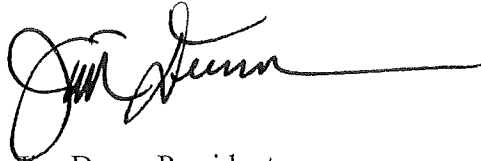
- A leader of the opposition and proposed panel member has stated that he was considering reporting the USMM for “fraud”, potentially a criminal offense, for representing itself as an educational institution. Education is at the very heart of the existence of all museums. All museums are educational institutions. The USMM’s educational program has touched 23,000 students in Fort Smith and across the nation regarding the U.S. Constitution, the Rule of Law, and Law Enforcement. The Museum has reintroduced National “History Day” in the Fort Smith Public Schools and secured volunteers and staff to read a Constitution-related book to all 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders in Fort Smith for Constitution Week. Our Safe Kids! Fair reaches about 150 families a year and these numbers do not include our programming for adults, the Winthrop P. Rockefeller Distinguished Lecture Series and much more.
- A number of opponents have taken our campaign artwork and changed the “YES” to “NO” and reposted on social media. Our logo and name, used in connection with the opposition, is in violation of common sense fairness and decency.
- Another stated: “Back in the 1800’s 1<sup>st</sup> Natl Bank established and enriched itself by bilking the US Gov’t and using the US Marshalls (sic) to do it. They’re just doing it again, that’s all, nothing to see here.”
- Others have accused by name families in Fort Smith of taking money or contracting with the project.

Many of the opponents to the Marshals Museum have legitimate questions. However, people who have engaged in the conduct outlined above will likely resort to disruptive behavior designed to produce spectacle rather than substance.

This is also a reminder that the USMM from inception has brought “sunshine” to the process. We have posted extensive information on our website, our financial information has been readily available since inception of the project, we have responded to numerous requests for information, and much more. **Most notably, we have already had two “live” community meetings, one recorded by an opponent of the proposal. One community meeting remains, February 27, at 5:30 p.m. at Elm Grove Community Center** We have planned these three meetings in different neighborhood locations at different times in order to accommodate everyone interested gaining information. A single event is not nearly as inclusive. Opponents of the proposal have attended the Community Events, asked question, and have been treated respectfully. This is in contrast to your event January 31 where proponents were asked to shut up or leave the meeting.

Each side has non-starter issues. I regret that our efforts failed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Dunn", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Jim Dunn, President  
U.S. Marshals Museum Foundation