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The Honorable Eric H. Holder, Jr.  
Attorney General  
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950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
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Dear Attorney General Holder:

On the evening of May 2, 2011, your staff notified the Committee that the Department of Justice was planning to make approximately 400 pages of documents available for an *in camera* review at your headquarters. Members of my staff went to review those documents on May 4th, only to discover they were partially, or in some cases almost completely, redacted. Since these documents were only made available pursuant to our Committee's subpoena to the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF) and only on an *in camera* basis, redactions were not necessary.

Furthermore, any documents made available pursuant to the Committee's lawfully issued subpoena to ATF are not permitted to have any redactions. To fully and properly investigate the decisions made by Department officials during ATF's wildly reckless Operation Fast and Furious, it is imperative that the Committee have access to documents in their entirety.

I ask that you produce all documents responsive to the Committee's subpoena forthwith.

Sincerely,



Darrell Issa  
Chairman

cc: The Honorable Elijah E. Cummings, Ranking Minority Member