

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

June 3, 2011

The Honorable Barack Obama
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:


We are writing to express our serious concerns about the Administration's response to investigations of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives' (ATF) "Project Gunrunner" and its offshoot known as "Fast and Furious."

Reports of the tactics used in this operation are extremely troubling. The ATF allegedly encouraged gun store owners to sell thousands of firearms to customers whom store employees considered suspicious. Our concerns were heightened with news that one of the firearms sold may have been used in the murder of a Border Patrol agent. These allegations call into question the judgment of the agents involved. It is equally troubling that the Department of Justice has delayed action and withheld information from Congressional inquiries.

We stand firm in our support for our federal law enforcement agents, but concerned Americans—regardless of where they stand on gun control issues—deserve prompt and complete answers to the questions surrounding this operation. While the Department of Justice can and should continue its investigation, those activities should not curtail the ability of Congress to fulfill its oversight duties.

We urge you to instruct the Department of Justice to promptly provide complete answers to all Congressional inquiries on this issue. These investigations should not be used as a platform for partisan criticism of the Administration; rather, they should be an opportunity to get to the bottom of this serious allegation of federal law enforcement misconduct. We believe it is essential for you to seize this opportunity, and we stand willing to provide the Administration our support in any way we can.

Sincerely,



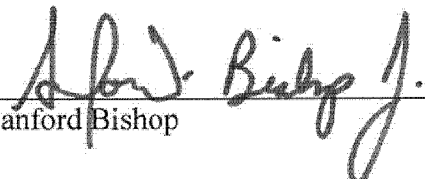
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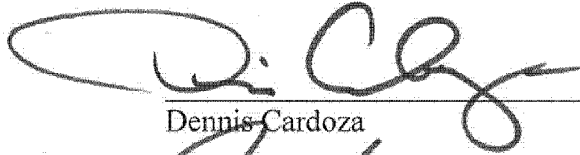
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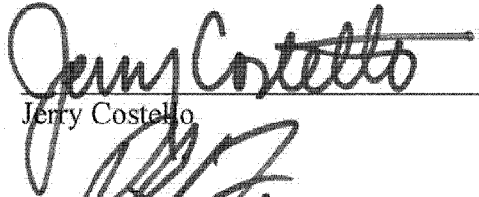
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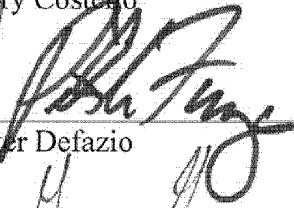
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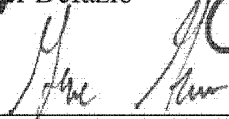
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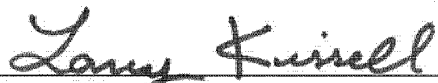
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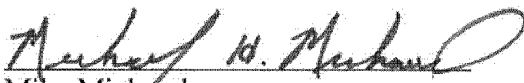
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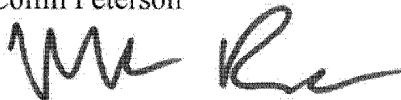
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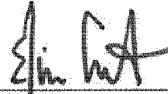
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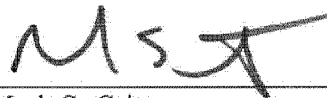
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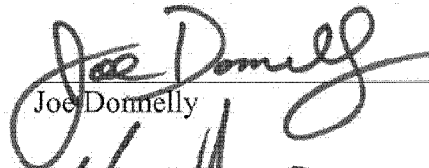
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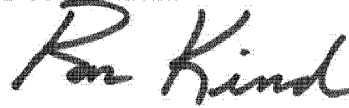
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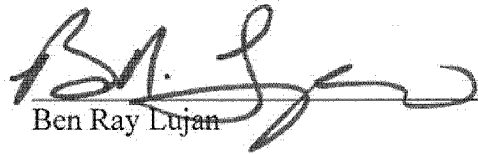
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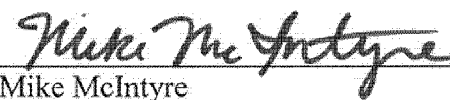
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