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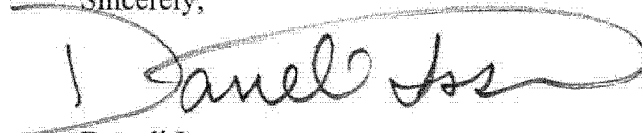
Dear Assistant Attorney General Weich:

The Committee on Oversight and Government Reform hereby requests your testimony at a hearing on Wednesday, June 15, 2011, at 10:00 a.m. in room 2154 Rayburn House Office Building.

The hearing will examine Operation Fast and Furious, conducted by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF). In particular, the hearing will focus on ATF's reckless methods, which allowed straw purchasers to buy semi-automatic assault weapons and transfer the guns to Mexican drug cartels, resulting in the death of hundreds of Mexican citizens and an American Border Patrol Agent. The hearing will also address the tragic event of December 14, 2010, that resulted from this program. You should be prepared to provide a five-minute opening statement and answer questions posed by Members. In particular, you should also be prepared to explain publicly the reasons the Department of Justice has not produced any non-public documents pursuant to the Committee's valid and lawfully issued subpoena.

The enclosed Witness Instruction Sheet contains instructions for witnesses appearing before the Committee. In particular, please note that written testimony must be submitted at least two business days prior to the hearing. We ask that you contact the Committee by June 8, 2011, to confirm your attendance. If you have any questions, please contact Carlton Davis of the Committee staff at (202) 225-5074.

Sincerely,



Darrell Issa
Chairman

cc: The Honorable Elijah Cummings, Ranking Minority Member
Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

Witness Instruction Sheet
Governmental Witnesses

1. Witnesses should provide 100 copies of their written testimony to Linda Good, Chief Clerk, 2157 Rayburn House Office Building, no later than 10:00 a.m. two business days prior to the hearing. Witnesses should also provide their statement by this date in electronic format, either as a CD or via e-mail to Linda.good@mail.house.gov.
2. Please do not send copies by U.S. Mail, UPS, Federal Express, or other shippers. Such packages are processed through an offsite security facility and will arrive 7-10 days late.
3. Witnesses should also provide a short biographical summary and include it with their written statement. The biographical summary should be attached to all 100 copies of the testimony and included with the electronic copy of the testimony provided to the Chief Clerk.
4. At the hearing, each witness will be asked to summarize his or her written testimony in five minutes or less in order to maximize the time available for discussion and questions. Written testimony will be entered into the hearing record and may extend to any reasonable length.
5. Written testimony will be made publicly available and will be posted on the Committee's website.
6. The Committee does not provide financial reimbursement for witness travel or accommodations. Witnesses with extenuating circumstances, however, may submit a written request for such reimbursements to Robin Butler, Financial Administrator, 2157 Rayburn House Office Building, at least one week prior to the hearing. Reimbursements will not be made without prior approval.
7. Witnesses with disabilities should contact Committee staff to arrange any necessary accommodations.
8. Committee Rules governing this hearing are online at www.oversight.house.gov.

For inquiries regarding these rules and procedures, please contact the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform at (202) 225-5074.