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**From:** Aguilar, Rita C. (SMO)  
**To:** Burton, Faith (SMO); Axelrod, Matthew (ODAG)  
**CC:** Wade, Jill C (SMO); Gaston, Molly (SMO); Schmalder, Tracy (SMO)  
**Sent:** 6/8/2011 11:12:49 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Urgent OLA Review Required - Edits to Mikulski 39 (Project Gunrunner)

Great! I'll get this back to JMD now. Thanks, everyone.

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**From:** Burton, Faith (SMO)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 08, 2011 7:12 PM  
**To:** Aguilar, Rita C. (SMO); Axelrod, Matthew (ODAG)  
**Cc:** Wade, Jill C (SMO); Gaston, Molly (SMO); Schmalder, Tracy (SMO)  
**Subject:** RE: Urgent OLA Review Required - Edits to Mikulski 39 (Project Gunrunner)

Fine with me.

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**From:** Aguilar, Rita C. (SMO)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 08, 2011 7:01 PM  
**To:** Axelrod, Matthew (ODAG); Burton, Faith (SMO)  
**Cc:** Wade, Jill C (SMO); Gaston, Molly (SMO); Schmalder, Tracy (SMO)  
**Subject:** RE: Urgent OLA Review Required - Edits to Mikulski 39 (Project Gunrunner)

Thanks, Matt. If everyone is good with this additional two sentences, I will upload them into MAX tonight. Please confirm. Thanks, Rita

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**From:** Axelrod, Matthew (ODAG)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 08, 2011 6:14 PM  
**To:** Burton, Faith (SMO); Aguilar, Rita C. (SMO)  
**Cc:** Wade, Jill C (SMO); Gaston, Molly (SMO); Schmalder, Tracy (SMO)  
**Subject:** RE: Urgent OLA Review Required - Edits to Mikulski 39 (Project Gunrunner)

Yes. We should add the following:

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**From:** Burton, Faith (SMO)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 08, 2011 5:41 PM  
**To:** Aguilar, Rita C. (SMO)  
**Cc:** Wade, Jill C (SMO); Gaston, Molly (SMO); Axelrod, Matthew (ODAG); Schmalder, Tracy (SMO)  
**Subject:** RE: Urgent OLA Review Required - Edits to Mikulski 39 (Project Gunrunner)

Adding Matt Axelrod and Tracy for their views about whether that is anything we can add from public info that would be helpful here. Thanks. FB

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**From:** Aguilar, Rita C. (SMO)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 08, 2011 4:51 PM  
**To:** Burton, Faith (SMO)  
**Cc:** Wade, Jill C (SMO); Gaston, Molly (SMO); Aguilar, Rita C. (SMO)  
**Subject:** Urgent OLA Review Required - Edits to Mikulski 39 (Project Gunrunner)  
**Importance:** High

Faith, JMD is now seeking a response from OLA on the proposed OLP edit to the Mikulski 39 QFR. The QFR currently reads:

**QUESTION:** What safeguards do you have in place to ensure that the ATF is not letting assault weapons slip across the Southwest Border and into the hands of drug cartels?

**BACKGROUND:** ATF's Project Gunrunner combats illegal gun trafficking and violence along the Southwest Border. Since 2005, Gunrunner teams have seized 10,000 illegal firearms and 1 million rounds of ammunition destined for Mexico. Yet violence continues spreading out and away from the Southwest Border and into the U.S. and Mexico. ATF's gun tracing intelligence is critical to target and dismantle the infrastructure supplying guns to Mexican drug cartels. That is why I am troubled by reports that the ATF allowed assault rifles to be sold to suspected straw buyers who transported them into Mexico. Two of those weapons turned up at the scene of a fatal shooting of a U.S. Border Patrol agent in December 2010, although it is unclear if either of those guns was used to kill the agent. When an Immigration and Customs Enforcement agent was killed last month, ballistics tests and a partial serial number traced the weapon used in the shooting to a North Texas smuggling ring that was under ATF observation.

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The OLP comment is as follows:

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Please advise. Thanks, Rita

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**From:** Lynch, LaFondra N. (ATF)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 08, 2011 1:12 PM  
**To:** Aguilar, Rita C. (SMO)  
**Cc:** Cupertino, Michael (JMD); Jordan, Wyevetra G (JMD)  
**Subject:** FW: An Item is ready for your review and approval

Rita,

Can you review OLP's comments and let me know if you concur please? Thank you.

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**From:** Cupertino, Michael (JMD) [mailto:Michael.Cupertino@usdoj.gov]

**Sent:** Wednesday, June 08, 2011 12:51 PM

**To:** Lynch, LaFondra N.

**Cc:** Kennedy, Olivia (JMD); Schmaus, Jessica (JMD); Jones, Debra A (JMD); Cain, Patricia (JMD); Faherty, Stephan (JMD); Lee, Hannah (JMD); Greenfield, Ryan D. (JMD)

**Subject:** RE: An Item is ready for your review and approval

LaFondra, could you please reach out to OLA regarding OLP's edits to see if they have anything to add and/or concur with OLP's comments?

Thanks,

Mike

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**From:** Cain, Patricia (JMD)

**Sent:** Wednesday, June 08, 2011 12:31 PM

**To:** Cupertino, Michael (JMD); Faherty, Stephan (JMD); Lee, Hannah (JMD); Greenfield, Ryan D. (JMD)

**Cc:** Kennedy, Olivia (JMD); Schmaus, Jessica (JMD); Jones, Debra A (JMD); Lynch, LaFondra N. (ATF)

**Subject:** RE: An Item is ready for your review and approval

Mike, G&D can reach out to ATF,

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**From:** Cupertino, Michael (JMD)

**Sent:** Wednesday, June 08, 2011 12:23 PM

**To:** Faherty, Stephan (JMD); Lee, Hannah (JMD); Greenfield, Ryan D. (JMD)

**Cc:** Kennedy, Olivia (JMD); Schmaus, Jessica (JMD); Jones, Debra A (JMD); Cain, Patricia (JMD); Lynch, LaFondra N. (ATF)

**Subject:** FW: An Item is ready for your review and approval

G&D team,

OLP has a comment for the QFR below. I'm not sure what public information regarding assault weapon safeguards are immediately available, but please check with ATF to see if we can address OLP's comment.

Thanks,

Mike

Reviewer comments regarding answer

HL: Response uploaded 5/18/11.

DP

-----Original Message-----

From: Lynch, LaFondra (JMD)

Sent: Wednesday, June 08, 2011 11:19 AM

To: Cupertino, Michael (JMD)

Subject: An Item is ready for your review and approval

Exercise: Department of Justice - FY 2012 Hearing Products

Item: AG - Mikulski 39 - Project Gunrunner ATF - OLA

Link: <https://max.omb.gov/exercises/collect/x/ig0Y1a>

This item is ready for your review and approval.