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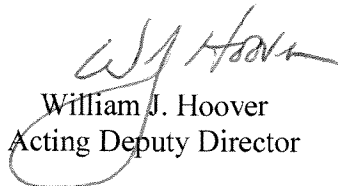
The Honorable Darrell Issa
Chairman, Committee on Oversight and Government Reform
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

This is in response to your letter to me dated June 21, 2011. As stated in your letter, on May 5, 2011, I assured your staff that the leadership of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) would not engage in any reprisals against any ATF employee who testified before the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

I write here to memorialize that commitment: ATF will not engage in any reprisal against any ATF employee because of his or her having testified before the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, and will in all respects act towards such employees exactly as they would have had such employee not so testified.

Sincerely yours,



William J. Hoover
Acting Deputy Director