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**From:** Schmaler, Tracy (SMO)  
**To:** 'Schultz, Eric'; Miller, Matthew A (SMO)  
**Sent:** 6/30/2011 2:31:01 PM  
**Subject:** RE: ATF

That's her peg, but she seemed to be going toward a larger story on the beleaguered ATF

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**From:** Schultz, Eric [mailto:[Eric H. Schultz](mailto:Eric.H.Schultz)]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 30, 2011 12:37 PM  
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**Subject:** RE: ATF

So its not really F&F focused?

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Yes – over a week ago. Gave her the history and the perennial noms problem.

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Have you guys heard from her yet?

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**From:** Jim Kessler [mailto:[JKessler@thirdway.org](mailto:JKessler@thirdway.org)]  
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**To:** Schultz, Eric  
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Eric – Sheryl Stohlberg at the Times is doing a story on ATF. I talked with her for a while and I think it's heading in the right direction. I began with the contrarian view that everyone is blaming ATF and while the plan wasn't ideal, the things they need to do to get a conviction are ridiculous because of Congress. And then we went into the ATF director confirmation issue and I said that the sole reason that the Senate made the ATF slot confirmable is to make sure there is never a permanent director and the ATF is kept weak. Then I slammed Issa and Congress. She seemed to be going that way.

Good story in the Post this morning.

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