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To: 'Foster, Jason (Judiciary-Rep)'
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Jason,

I believe that Ron plans to discuss this further with you when you sit down on Monday, but we have serious concerns about the physical safety of the two brothers who are now part of your inquiry into Fast and Furious. In particular, I have been informed that there is a significant chance that at least one of the two brothers and members of his family will be killed if his identity becomes public. Steve has assured me that neither his staff nor yours plan to make the identity of either brother public. We very much appreciate that. Beyond that, I asked Steve, and I ask you as well, to do everything in your power to ensure that the brothers' identities do not become public, including urging any media outlets that you or others on your staff hear may be planning to disclose their identities not to do so given the very real danger to their physical safety. Thanks, Jason.

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