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Here's the description of the Schiff amdt.

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Can you get me the ATF's rebuttal on this one? I'll send actual language when I have it. If we have already discussed this, I'm sorry.

Congressional Oversight of ATF – The amendment would allow oversight committees (House and Senate Appropriations, Judiciary, Oversight/Homeland) to request gun trace data from ATF for the purposes of providing oversight of executive branch agencies. Under existing appropriations restrictions collectively known as the Tiahrt Amendment, the ATF cannot release any gun trace data, even to Congress, which has hindered the Congressional investigation into the ATF's Operation Fast and Furious.