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The Honorable Eric H. Holder, Jr.
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Dear Mr. Attorney General:

The Committee on Oversight and Government Reform hereby requests your testimony on January 24, 2012, at a hearing in room 2154 of the Rayburn House Office Building in Washington, DC. The Committee staff has also provided six alternate dates in January and February for this hearing. We have not yet received a response from the Department confirming your attendance.

The hearing will examine flaws in the management structure of the Justice Department as demonstrated in the genesis and implementation of ATF's Operation Fast and Furious. Specifically, the hearing will focus on what senior Department officials could and should have done to put a stop to this reckless program, as well as the specific areas where failures in communication and management occurred. The Department's February 4, 2011, letter to Congress will be but one example of these failures in management.

We ask that you contact the Committee by January 3, 2012, to confirm your attendance. If you have any questions, please contact Henry Kerner of the Committee staff at (202) 225-5074.

Sincerely,



Darrell Issa
Chairman

cc: The Honorable Elijah E. Cummings, Ranking Member