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Washington, D.C. 20530

June 18, 2012

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

Dear Chairman Issa:

Thank you for your letter of June 15, 2012 and your agreement to meet on Tuesday, June 19, 2012. The Department has offered a serious, good faith proposal to bring this matter to an amicable resolution in the form of a briefing based on documents that the Committee could retain. These documents explain how the Department's understanding of the facts of Operations Fast and Furious, Wide Receiver and similar Arizona-based investigations evolved during the post-February 4 period, and the process that led to the withdrawal of the February 4 letter. We expect that this extraordinary accommodation will fully address the remaining concerns that you and House Leadership have identified in your written and oral communications to the Department over the last few weeks.

We propose to meet at 11 am on Tuesday, June 19, 2012. In light of your inclusion of Senator Grassley, and in keeping with the protocols of this investigation, we expect that Chairman Leahy and Ranking Member Cummings would also participate in order to finalize our accommodation agreement with the Committee and avoid an unnecessary Constitutional confrontation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eric H. Holder, Jr.", written in a cursive style.

Eric H. Holder, Jr.  
Attorney General

cc: Speaker John Boehner  
Majority Leader Eric Cantor  
Majority Whip Kevin McCarthy  
The Honorable Elijah E. Cummins  
Ranking Minority Member

Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi  
Minority Whip Steny Hoyer  
The Honorable James E. Clyburn  
Chairman Patrick J. Leahy  
Senator Charles E. Grassley