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April 11, 2013

The Honorable Bob Goodlatte
Chairman, House Judiciary Committee
2138 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Goodlatte,

The 112th Congress yielded real progress regarding the investigation of Operation Fast and Furious. Many important issues surrounding this fundamentally flawed operation were revealed to the public; most of the top officials at the Department of Justice have left the agency; and because he hindered a congressional investigation, Attorney General Eric Holder was found in contempt of Congress last June.

This progress can be attributed to the efforts of the members of the House Judiciary and Oversight and Government Reform Committees, as well as the Senate Judiciary Committee. Chairman Issa, former Chairman Smith, and Ranking Member Grassley worked tirelessly to keep sunlight on the issue in an effort to inform the public and to hold the Administration accountable for its actions and inactions. I am proud to have been part of those efforts, and I am sure you are as well.

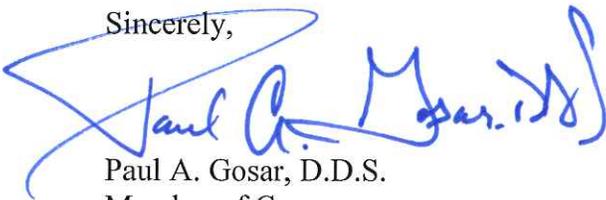
While many in the mainstream media initially chose not to cover this issue and continue to try to ignore it, we must not halt our mission. The oversight of the investigation and our efforts to discover the truth must continue. Attorney General Holder and other Justice officials took part in an effort to mislead Congress and stonewall our requests for pertinent information surrounding the operation. As a result, the grieving family of slain Border Patrol Agent Brian Terry—as well as the families of hundreds of Mexican nationals—has yet to find closure regarding this dangerously misguided, government-sanctioned operation.

As members of Congress, we owe it to those families, as well as the American public at-large, to continue our efforts to hold Attorney General Holder accountable for both the execution of this operation as well as his efforts to block the congressional investigation. Accordingly, I have re-introduced my resolution of no confidence in Attorney General Holder (House Resolution 35), and have added to that measure a call for his immediate resignation. As you recall, you were a cosponsor of the original measure introduced in the 112th Congress, and I thank you again for your support.

Because you have been a leading member on these efforts, I ask that you place a high priority on oversight and investigations relating to Operation Fast and Furious as you develop the agenda for the House Judiciary Committee in the 113th Congress and consider both additional hearings on the matter and the prompt calendaring of my resolution. While Congress continues to fight for the release of documents through all channels possible, including the impending court case, we must not disregard other avenues of justice and accountability. My resolution of no confidence is one such avenue.

If my staff can be helpful in any way with regard to your investigations, please feel free to have your staff contact Michael Mansour in my office at [202-225-2315](tel:202-225-2315). I thank you for your leadership as Chairman of the House Judiciary Committee and for your careful consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Paul A. Gosar" with a stylized flourish at the end.

Paul A. Gosar, D.D.S.
Member of Congress