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Special Report: Gosar Votes to Bring Contempt Charges to Floor Vote

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Dear Friend,

Today the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, of which I am a proud member, [moved forward with contempt charges](#) against Attorney General Holder to find answers and obtain justice for the victims of the horrendous Operation Fast and Furious.



To view my [opening statement](#) from today, click above

The people of Arizona, California, New Mexico and Texas who deal with unsecured borders and violent Mexican cartels on a regular basis now must also live in fear of the Fast and Furious firearms. These citizens deserve for contempt charges to begin, because it was with contempt for their safety that this operation was carried out. To continue reading my opening statement from today's hearing, please click [here](#).



AG Holder has [*stonewalled*](#) Congress for too long
([*photo*](#) from House Oversight)

[After receiving a letter from Eric Holder](#), the president has claimed executive privilege over the documents and information that the House Oversight team has been after since last year. Yet despite this fact, the contempt proceedings moved forward after continuous delays by Holder and the Department of Justice to release subpoenaed documents relating to the gunrunning scheme that cost Border Patrol Agent Brian Terry and hundreds of Mexicans their lives.

Terry Family Statement on the Executive Privilege

Terry family attorney Pat McGroder released the following statement Wednesday from Border Patrol Agent Brian Terry's parents, Josephine Terry and Kent Terry Sr.:

"The documents sought by the House Oversight Committee and associated with Operation Fast and Furious should be produced and turned over to the committee. Our son lost his life protecting this nation, and it is very disappointing that we are now faced with an administration that seems more concerned with protecting themselves rather than revealing the truth behind Operation Fast and Furious."

To continue reading the Terry Family statement click [here](#).

Didn't President Bush start gun-walking with Operation Wide Receiver?

Fast and Furious and Operation Wide Receiver— which was run under the Bush Administration— are two fundamentally different programs. Wide Receiver involved far fewer firearms, was run with the knowledge and cooperation of the Mexican government, and made a serious attempt to track the weapons by even equipping some weapons with tracking devices. Most importantly, Operation Wide Receiver has not been linked to the death of a federal law enforcement officer.

Isn't Fast and Furious a Partisan Issue?

My response to this question has always been that no one will be checking the voter ID's of those impacted by this operation. This issue affects all Americans regardless of their political views. It is not about partisan politics. This is about justice, accountability and transparency from the government for the people.

What Message Do You Want to Send?

No one is above the law.

What Does the Executive Privilege Imply?

It certainly implies stonewalling, but furthermore President Obama's executive privilege makes me wonder what the administration is hiding, or how much more they really knew. The American public has always demanded the truth. We have always demanded accountability. The truth will come to light.

[Special News Coverage from Today's Hearing](#)

[House panel recommends Holder contempt citation](#)

[House panel votes 23-17 to place Holder in contempt of Congress](#)

[On Fast and Furious, Obama invokes 'executive privilege.' What's that?](#)

As always, you can follow everything I am working on in Arizona and Washington, D.C. through my website (<http://gosar.house.gov>) on Twitter [@repgosar](#), or through [Facebook](#) at Representative Paul Gosar.

Sincerely,



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