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Congressman Gosar Demands Answers on “Operation Fast and Furious”

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Dear Friend,

I am proud to be the only Arizona Congressman who serves on the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee, which has oversight authority over virtually everything the federal government does. Its business is to proactively investigate and expose waste, fraud, and abuse in government.

[Watch the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee’s profile of Congressman Gosar: Meet Your Oversight Watchdogs: Rep. Paul Gosar](#)

This summer, the committee has been engaged in exposing grossly irresponsible actions by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, commonly referred to as ATF, right here in Arizona, through Operation Fast and Furious. The operation permitted the exchange and transportation of firearms into Mexico and into the hands of felons and drug cartels. Congressional investigations have found that the ATF’s incompetence in this matter has put the lives of Arizonans at risk for the foreseeable future, especially since these guns have already been found at numerous crime scenes across the Southwest and beyond.

[Read Congressman Gosar’s weekly column: Fast and Furious - Flawed From the Start](#)

During committee hearings, I have questioned the Obama Administration’s DOJ on *what* they knew, *how much* they knew, and *when* they knew it. There have been multiple hearings by the committee on this subject to date, and I have been actively pursuing the answer to the tough

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questions. At the hearings, I heard testimony from law enforcement that they were compelled to participate in an operation which they knew was likely to result in the unnecessary loss of life. I also heard from the grieving family who lost Border Patrol Agent Brian Terry who was killed by a Mexican drug smuggler armed with one of the very weapons used in the seamless operation.

*[Check out Congressman Gosar's revealing interview with Human Events: **Fast and Furious 'Flawed From the Start': An Interview With Rep. Paul Gosar**](#)*

[Watch Congressman Gosar relay the latest on Fast and Furious to NRA News](#)

I will continue to use my role on the Oversight Committee to demand answers and accountability for this grossly-mismanaged and dangerous operation. While I applaud the August 30th demotion of ATF Acting Director Ken Melson, as well as the resignation of Assistant U.S. Attorney Dennis Burke, I still demand to know who ultimately authorized this operation at the expense of further violence and danger on our Southwest border. I firmly believe the authorization of this operation came from the top tier of the Obama Administration—with consent from Attorney General Eric Holder or another official at his level of authority—and I intend to pursue any and all individuals involved and hold them accountable for their actions and inactions.

As always, you can follow everything I am working on in Washington through my website (<http://gosar.house.gov>) or through my Facebook page at [Paul Gosar on Facebook](#).

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

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