

Knowing your interest in government oversight issues, I wanted to inform you of [a recent report](#) by Congressman Darrell Issa and Senator Chuck Grassley regarding the Justice Department's Operation Fast and Furious. The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF) coordinated a program with multiple other agencies in which they allowed gun purchasers for drug trafficking organizations to obtain weapons, tracking the serial numbers of those guns instead of stopping the purchasers. The intention of the program was apparently to catch top leaders in drug trafficking, but this strategy completely failed in its objective as dozens of weapons left the ATF's surveillance because of this gun walking without anyone higher than the known purchasers being arrested. This is absolutely unacceptable. Operation Fast and Furious has been discovered and investigated since several ATF agents blew the whistle on the project after the tragic death of U.S. Border Patrol Agent Brian Terry at the hand of someone using one of the guns ATF allowed to walk. I am deeply concerned that the Justice Department was allowing dangerous criminals easy access to weapons on the border. I support the investigation and holding those responsible who ordered this ill-conceived operation and I will continue to closely monitor this issue as it develops.

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