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In reviewing the news article in question concerning allegations of impropriety by either ATF or individual licensed Firearms Dealers in this matter concerning weapons purchased in Arizona that find their way into Mexico, We need to keep things in their proper perspective.

Let it be stated that while certain legislative officials not directly living here or directly familiar with this ongoing problem would suggest willful negligence on the part of federal Agencies charged with the enormous task of interdicting the flow of weapons crossing our border with Mexico, It should be known to the public that these Federal Agencies speaking strictly from my personal experience through many years act and conduct themselves in a very professional and proper manner. Any comparison to the contrary should be rejected completely.

On balance, The Mexican Cartels that use every available means at their disposal to procure any weapons to further their illegal drug trade do not run out of time or money. Federal Agencies have limited resources of money and manpower allotted to them by legislative officials who approve said budgets, While the Mexican Cartels are under no such restriction. Senator Grassley's office contacted us regarding "any" impropriety by ATF and we have stated that there exists no indication to that effect.

Lastly, It should be noted that our border is immense with Mexico and not every vehicle going into Mexico is stopped and searched for weapons, narcotics, or cash. Perhaps a more "Pro-Active" legislative approach would be to stop pointing blame at either Federal or State agencies attempting to do their job, And increase through legislation the budgets of all agencies on a more equitable level with the Drug Cartels and addition use all available means to secure our border. It appears that any State or Federal agency charged with said tasks are damned if they do, And damned if they don't. An appropriate response has to be to give them the tools to accomplish this monumental problem confronting them.