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To: Moran, Molly (OAG); Jordan, Wyevetra G (JMD); ATF Weich, Ron (SMO); Agrast, Mark D. (SMO); Gross, Charles R. (SMO); Thiemann, Robyn (OLP)
CC: Lucas, Daniel (JMD); Wilkinson, Monty (OAG)
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Subject: RE: ATF oversight

I know that the amendment is seen by the Minority (same side as Schiff) as a "gotcha" to Issa – that he professes to have had trouble requesting trace data from the Dept/ATF as he asked questions related to Fast and Furious, then getting information on tracings by asking Mexico.

Others know more than me on the F&F/Issa specifics, but this is believed to poke fun at the Majority for inconsistencies, charging that Dept/ATF don't share data (Issa), while simultaneously restricting data that can be shared about gun tracings with the Tiahrt language.

And maj/min both say it will fail.

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Adding Monty.

From: Jordan, Wyevetra G (JMD)
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During former acting Director Sullivans last Senate approps hearing he offered for the record to provide info to members-- we can pull that testimony. Can't remember which FY it was right now but he said the raw data could be made available but what they couldn't do was make assumptions based on the data.

I don't think the Dept ever disagreed with that testimony but don't recall if Lautenbburg ever followed up on getting the info.

We have objected (tho not officially) in the past to codifying that request in bill language and prevailed.

ATF would have to tell us if they ever provided a data req like this to members. Perhaps in an aggregate manner.

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Here's the description of the Schiff amdt.

Sent: Tuesday, July 12, 2011 7:27 PM
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Can you get me the ATF's rebuttal on this one? I'll send actual language when I have it. If we have already discussed this, I'm sorry.

Congressional Oversight of ATF – The amendment would allow oversight committees (House and Senate Appropriations, Judiciary, Oversight/Homeland) to request gun trace data from ATF for the purposes of providing oversight of executive branch agencies. Under existing appropriations restrictions collectively known as the Tiahrt Amendment, the ATF cannot release any gun trace data, even to Congress, which has hindered the Congressional investigation into the ATF's Operation Fast and Furious.