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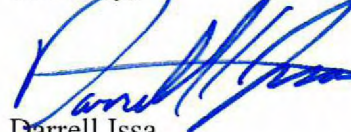
Dear Special Agent Newell:

The Committee on Oversight and Government Reform hereby requests your testimony at a hearing on July 26, 2011, at 10:00 a.m. in room 2154 Rayburn House Office Building in Washington, D.C. The hearing is entitled, "Operation Fast and Furious: The Other Side of the Border."

The hearing will examine Operation Fast and Furious, conducted by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF). In particular, the hearing will focus on the effects of Fast and Furious on Mexico. The hearing will also address how ATF officials in Mexico and officials in the Mexican government were not informed about the operation. You should be prepared to provide a five-minute opening statement and answer questions posed by Members.

The enclosed Witness Instruction Sheet contains instructions for witnesses appearing before the Committee. In particular, please note that written testimony must be submitted at least two business days prior to the hearing. We ask that you contact the Committee by July 21, 2011, to confirm your attendance. If you have any questions, please contact Henry Kerner of the Committee staff at (202) 225-5074.

Sincerely,



Darrell Issa  
Chairman

Enclosure

cc: The Honorable Elijah Cummings, Ranking Minority Member  
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**Witness Instruction Sheet**  
**Governmental Witnesses**

1. Witnesses should provide 100 copies of their written testimony to Linda Good, Chief Clerk, 2157 Rayburn House Office Building, no later than 10:00 a.m. two business days prior to the hearing. Witnesses should also provide their statement by this date in electronic format, either as a CD or via e-mail to [Kate.dunbar@mail.house.gov](mailto:Kate.dunbar@mail.house.gov).
2. Please do not send copies by U.S. Mail, UPS, Federal Express, or other shippers. Such packages are processed through an offsite security facility and will arrive 7-10 days late.
3. Witnesses should also provide a short biographical summary and include it with their written statement. The biographical summary should be attached to all 100 copies of the testimony and included with the electronic copy of the testimony provided to the Chief Clerk.
4. At the hearing, each witness will be asked to summarize his or her written testimony in five minutes or less in order to maximize the time available for discussion and questions. Written testimony will be entered into the hearing record and may extend to any reasonable length.
5. Written testimony will be made publicly available and will be posted on the Committee's website.
6. The Committee does not provide financial reimbursement for witness travel or accommodations. Witnesses with extenuating circumstances, however, may submit a written request for such reimbursements to Robin Butler, Financial Administrator, 2157 Rayburn House Office Building, at least one week prior to the hearing. Reimbursements will not be made without prior approval.
7. Witnesses with disabilities should contact Committee staff to arrange any necessary accommodations.
8. Committee Rules governing this hearing are online at [www.oversight.house.gov](http://www.oversight.house.gov).

For inquiries regarding these rules and procedures, please contact the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform at (202) 225-5074.