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**From:** Weinstein, Jason  
**To:** Burke, Dennis (USAAZ)  
**Sent:** 2/2/2011 1:28:53 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Draft response to Grassley letters; please review and comment asap

They're worried that if we engage in a detailed discussion of this case with Grassley's staff, that they'll just keep pushing for more and more information. But I think we need to come down hard and firm and say that the allegation is BS.

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**From:** Burke, Dennis (USAAZ) [mailto: ] **RC-1**  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 02, 2011 1:06 PM  
**To:** Weinstein, Jason  
**Subject:** Fw: Draft response to Grassley letters; please review and comment asap

What "risk?"

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**From:** Burton, Faith (SMO)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 02, 2011 12:54 PM  
**To:** Weinstein, Jason (CRM); Hoover, William J. (ATF); Burke, Dennis (USAAZ); Rasnake, Gregory R. (ATF); Pings, Anne (USAE0); McDermond, James E. (ATF); Melson, Kenneth E. (ATF); Johnson, Deborah (SMO); Smith, Brad (ODAG) (SMO); Colborn, Paul P (SMO)  
**Cc:** Gaston, Molly (SMO); Gonzales, Mary (OLA) (SMO)  
**Subject:** RE: Draft response to Grassley letters; please review and comment asap

Apologies for the confusion here; please work from this doc, which picks up Jason's edits and adds a few others. Understand the concerns about pushing back on the Terry issue, but think presents significant risks and we should discuss that together in person if nec. <<grassley atf.docx>> Thanks.

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**From:** Weinstein, Jason (CRM)  
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I think this is a terrific start, and I fully appreciate the concerns about commenting on ongoing cases – both present and future – but I really think the Department should consider making a more forceful rebuttal to the allegations here, which are terribly damaging to ATF. Here are a few suggestions, which may be helpful.

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**From:** Burton, Faith (SMO) [mailto: ] **RC-1**  
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Please see the enclosed draft response, which is intended to clarify the record and the boundaries of the briefing. Goal would to put on the record whatever we can say about the pending matter, without

opening the door re info we're not prepared to publicly disclose; once we get this finalized and sent – today if possible – we can then move ahead to schedule the briefing. Need to hear from USAO, since they have primary equities in the pending case – Anne, we understand that Dennis was leaving the office yesterday afternoon – don't know if he's back but perhaps you could route this to the FAUSA and other AUSAs with responsibility for this matter if he's not available. Thanks – sorry for the rush. FB

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