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**From:** Weinstein, Jason  
**To:** Rasnake, Gregory R. (ATF)  
**Sent:** 2/2/2011 1:36:52 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Draft response to Grassley letters; please review and comment asap

Thanks. My boss and I are fervently supportive of ATF, and these allegations are infuriating.

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**From:** Rasnake, Gregory R. [mailto:Greg.Rasnake@usdoj.gov]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 02, 2011 12:48 PM  
**To:** Weinstein, Jason  
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Whether or not they buy in, you are the man for supporting us like that.

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Again, thanks Jason.

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**Cc:** Gaston, Molly (SMO); Gonzales, Mary (OLA)  
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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

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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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