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To: Thomas Fayer

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Dear Mr. Fayer,

I am writing to inquire about an article that was written by Charlie Savage. The article “Guns Inquiry Urges Action Against 14 in Justice Dept.”, written September 19th, 2012, explained a botched weapons operation that was conducted by the A.T.F. Although the article is factually correct, Savage is incorrect to blame the incident on the tactics used.

In the article, it stated that the A.T.F did not initially take action in hopes to “bring a bigger case against the organizers of a gun-smuggling network linked to a Mexican drug gang.” This form of strategy is actually used by law-enforcement agencies throughout the country frequently.

Stated in an article on the Denver Post’s on-line publication, a D.E.A cocaine bust involving an ex-Denver Bronco stated they “helped authorities build a case” in hopes to solidify charges. I expect that next time an article is published, that it be fully checked for inconsistencies in respect to past cases.

Sincerely,

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