

Washington, D.C. - Today, Congressman Tim Walz released the following statement on a scheduled vote by the House to hold Attorney General Eric Holder in contempt of Congress:

“I’ve long had concerns about the “Fast and Furious” program. It was poorly conceived, unacceptable mistakes were made, and questions were left unanswered. It is the responsibility of Congress to conduct oversight and to ensure transparency that is needed to protect the integrity of our democracy. To do its job, Congress must have access to all of the information it needs to make independent, sound judgments on behalf of the American people.

“Five years ago, when I voted to hold President Bush’s Administration Officials in contempt, I said we have to stay consistent in our oversight of executive branch officials. After reviewing the facts carefully, I have come to the same conclusions as I did in 2007. There are just too many unanswered questions surrounding “Fast and Furious,” and the American people deserve to know more. Therefore, I will support the vote to hold the Attorney General in contempt for failure to provide requested information.