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The Honorable Darrell Issa
Chairman
Oversight and Government Reform Committee
US House of Representatives
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Dear Chairman Issa:

I am writing to respectfully request that the Oversight and Government Reform Committee hold a hearing regarding the recent significant purchases of ammunition by the Department of Homeland Security and the Social Security Administration. Of particular concern to many of my constituents and I is the amount and type of ammunition procured by the agencies.

I would appreciate the Oversight and Government Reform Committee investigating the new significant stockpiles of ammunition by these agencies and any other federal agencies that may currently be in the process of developing or soliciting requests for similar orders. Of particular concern are these questions:

- How much will it cost the federal government to keep these recently acquired millions of rounds of ammunition in storage?
- How did these agencies arrive at the amounts of ammunition requested for these orders? Is there no upper limit amount that any particular federal agency may request?
- Can these agencies adequately account for and keep track of this large of an amount of ammunition?
- Is it appropriate for agencies to procure hollow-point ammunition for training purposes? As you may be aware, hollow point rounds are designed to inflict significant additional damage to the target than a standard round of ammunition. Though it may be appropriate to use this type of ammunition in the field, is it the best usage of limited taxpayer resources to use hollow point rounds as standard training practice rounds?

These are but a few of the many questions that I, and I am sure other Members have regarding these agency ammunition purchases. I believe that it would be in the best public interest for the Oversight and Government Reform Committee to look further in to the matter and hold a hearing.

Thank you for your attention to this request. Should you have any questions regarding this correspondence, please feel free to contact me, or my Legislative Director, Scott Cunningham, at 202.225.6605 or scott.cunningham@mail.house.gov.

Sincerely,



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