

Washington, DC (December 8, 2011) – Attorney General Eric Holder testified before the House Judiciary Committee on Thursday about 'Operation Fast and Furious,' a failed program that knowingly put weapons in the hands of dangerous criminals.

Rep. Gus Bilirakis (FL-09), a member of the House Homeland Security Committee, was one of the first congressmen to call for Holder's resignation, and continues to do so, especially after Holder himself called the program "inexcusable" and "wholly unacceptable."

"Whether he knew about this program or not, the American people have lost all confidence and trust in Attorney General Holder and his ability to lead our Justice Department," Bilirakis said.

On Thursday, Bilirakis also co-sponsored a House Resolution to express no confidence in Eric Holder's job performance as Attorney General.

The program was brought to light after guns were found at the murder scene of Border Patrol agent Brian Terry. Holder admitted during the hearing that the effects of this operation will be felt for years to come, and expects guns from Fast & Furious to "continue to show up at crime scenes on both sides of the border."