

# United States Senate

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Elon Musk  
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Dear Mr. Musk:

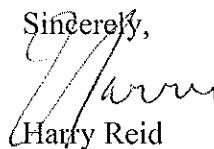
I am pleased that Tesla is considering locations in the Western United States to build a large battery manufacturing facility. Producing this critical product domestically rather than overseas will be a good decision for Tesla and valuable to our country.

I am hopeful that you will closely consider Nevada for the facility. I appreciate that your company has reached out to my office and the Nevada Governor's Office of Economic Development. I have sent a letter to Governor Brian Sandoval letting him know that I think bringing large scale advanced battery manufacturing would be a tremendous opportunity for our economy, advancing Nevada's leadership in clean energy and our growing high-tech sector.

I have offered my full support to the state for making the case that Nevada is the most attractive location for developing Tesla's facility.

I believe Nevada and Tesla could have a mutually beneficial relationship. Nevada is one of the most business-friendly states in the nation with a prime location for distribution throughout the West and access to coastal markets and ports. I have worked hard to create federal policies that create a positive business environment for investing in clean energy technologies, including advanced vehicles, to create a more secure future for our economy and the environment. These efforts, in coordination with important state policies, have helped grow Nevada's clean energy sector and is establishing Nevada at the cutting-edge of clean energy deployment. I am committed to making additional progress in the coming years.

If there is anything I can do to be helpful as Tesla moves forward with this important decision, please don't hesitate to ask.

Sincerely,  
  
Harry Reid

cc:  
The Honorable Brian Sandoval, Governor of Nevada