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**Heller: Nevada Has Been a Leader in Driverless Technologies**

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** – During a U.S. Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee hearing this morning that examined policies related to innovation in the automotive industry, U.S. Senator Dean Heller (R-NV) questioned a witness about ways self-driving cars could help reduce the number of traffic fatalities, particularly in rural areas, and noted how Nevada has been a leader in driverless technologies. Watch the clip [HERE](https://youtu.be/znKZpPaLgQs).



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**Background:**

In 2011, Nevada became the first state to pass autonomous vehicle legislation that paved the way for testing. Since then, autonomous cars, semi-trucks, and buses have all been tested in the state. To build on this success, Nevada passed legislation for full-implementation of autonomous vehicles for commercial use. The Silver State is also home to automotive manufacturer Tesla, which is developing an autonomous vehicle and produces electric vehicles.

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