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**Heller Emphasizes Nevada’s Leadership in Autonomous** **Vehicle Technologies****(Washington, DC)** –Today, U.S. Senator Dean Heller (R-NV) spoke at a Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, & Transportation hearing titled, “[Hands Off: The Future of Self-Driving Cars](http://www.commerce.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/hearings?ID=C1BE704F-8D6B-43C6-B472-858C6B457E86).” During the hearing, Heller highlighted Nevada’s key role as the leading state in the research, development, and testing of autonomous vehicles. Click [HERE](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kVmyaogpwHk) or below to watch the video.

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| **Background:**Nevada continues to be at the forefront of new and innovative transportation technologies. The Silver State holds one of the Federal Aviation Administration’s Unmanned Aerial System test sites, and is home to automotive manufacturers Tesla and Faraday Futures, both of which are developing electric and autonomous vehicles, and Las Vegas often serves as an example to the rest of the country as a globally connected destination.In January, Governor Sandoval launched the Nevada Center for Advanced Mobility, a division of the Nevada Institute for Autonomous Systems, which houses the Unmanned Autonomous Vehicle test center.  |

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