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Elon Musk
Chief Executive Officer
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Dear Mr. Musk:

The California Congressional Delegation encourages Tesla Motors to bring the next state-of-the-art Gigafactory to our state. California offers tremendous advantages to businesses, including our diverse, highly-educated workforce, a high quality of life and an array of abundant renewable energy resources and consumer incentives found nowhere else in the United States, making California well-suited for Tesla Motors next Gigafactory.

California leads the nation in educating and cultivating a strong, highly-skilled workforce. Many of the most brilliant minds in the country live and work here, at the nation's most prestigious research universities and industry-leading firms. We are home to three of the world's top ten universities and an expansive number of higher educational institutions. Once they graduate, our highly skilled workers benefit from outstanding training and development programs. This commitment to building the nation's smartest workforce has caused California to have one of the fastest growing economies in the country. While any state would be thrilled for the opportunity to add thousands of high-tech manufacturing jobs, California has the supply of qualified workers to meet Tesla's current needs, and the educational infrastructure to support further growth.

California also has a tradition of conservation and shares Tesla's commitment to utilizing renewable energy resources to foster sustainable business practices. Our green technology policies and incentives have made California the nation's leader in renewable energy development. We are ranked number one in solar employment, supporting over 1,800 different solar companies that employ 47,000 workers to produce over 7000 megawatts of power—more than any other state in the nation. Our state and local governments along with our business community are dedicated to promoting sustainable business practices, leading California to consistently rank first or second among states in energy efficiency in the last decade.

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As you know, California's citizens are equally committed to green technology, which is why one-third of last year's Tesla auto sales originated in California. The Golden State's culture, history, and entrepreneurial spirit provide a rich quality of life for Tesla's current and future employees, which is why California is frequently lauded as one of the states with the best quality of life. With one of the country's most successful economies, most competitive workforces, and a demonstrated commitment to state-of-the-art renewable energy technologies needed for high-tech production, California offers advantages available nowhere else for high-tech manufacturers. Our delegation is dedicated to continuing our thriving relationship with Tesla and supporting its prosperity in every way possible.

We look forward to continued discussions at every level of government and hope that you will make California the home of your next Gigafactory.

Sincerely,



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