

United States Senate

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Mr. Craig Mataczynski
Chief Executive Officer
Gradient Resources
Patua Geothermal Project Groundbreaking Ceremony
Hazen, Nevada

Dear Craig:

I am pleased to extend my best wishes as you and your team gathers for the Patua Geothermal Project groundbreaking ceremony. I am sorry that I could not be with you today, but would like to thank Gradient Resources for their investment in renewable energy and Nevada's economy.

Geothermal energy remains an important source of renewable baseload power generation and plays a key role in producing clean domestic energy. Continued support for the geothermal industry is imperative at the federal, state and local levels of government. I am confident that together we can power Nevada and the United States with clean renewable energy, bolster a growing local industry, and create thousands of new jobs if we invest in our geothermal energy resources.

I applaud your efforts and wish you many successful years of operation.

Sincerely,



HARRY REID
United States Senator

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