

# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-7012

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Dear Friends:

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to the Las Vegas Chinese New Year in the Desert and Spring Festival. This important event celebrates the Year of the Monkey.

Chinese New Year is the longest and most important festivity on the Chinese calendar. It is celebrated in countries and cultures throughout the world, and I am pleased that Nevadans have the opportunity to participate in this celebration. This year's event, hosted by Chinese New Year in the Desert, gathers community members, performing groups, and cultural leaders to enjoy art, music, dance, and cuisine in celebration of the start of the Year of the Monkey.

I commend the Chinese New Year in the Desert for their efforts in promoting and celebrating cultural diversity in our community, and I thank the performers and attendees for participating in this important and festive occasion.

You have my best wishes for an enjoyable weekend.



Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Harry Reid". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

HARRY REID  
United States Senator