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Dear Friends,

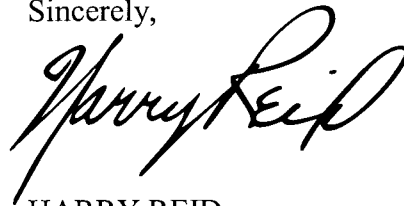
I want to first express my deep sorrow for the loss of your family members and relatives. Please know that my thoughts are with each and every one of you.

As we approach the 232nd New Year since the founding of this great nation, I feel this is an appropriate time to reflect briefly on what has made this American experiment so unique and so inspirational to the rest of the world. I can say, without any reservation, that the honor, integrity, and dedication continually demonstrated by our brave men and women in uniform remain among our country's greatest strengths. It is this unrelenting American spirit, epitomized by the conduct and character of our brave servicemembers, that keeps this nation going and is the envy of countries around the globe.

Although I am sure that my words will not ease the pain of losing a loved one, their sacrifices in the name of freedom will never be forgotten. I will always remember the lives that your family members gave for the United States of America and the state of Nevada, and I will do my best to honor their memory in everything I do.

My best wishes to you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Harry Reid". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "H".

HARRY REID
United States Senator