



Society for Conservation Biology

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Elon Musk, CEO,
Tesla Motors, Headquarters
3500 Deer Creek
Palo Alto, CA 94304

Re: Patent Release

Dear Mr. Musk,

On behalf of the Marine Section of the Society for Conservation Biology (SCB), I write to congratulate Tesla Motors on your recent decision to release all of your patents for the more rapid advancement of electric vehicle technology. We agree with you that a common, rapidly-evolving technology platform is important for developing and building electric cars fast enough to address the current carbon crisis and limit the impact of human activities on our climate. We also salute your commitment to addressing the causes of climate change over and above any limited economic benefit that your company may have gained through maintaining your patents. We can only hope that other companies will follow your example.

SCB is an international professional organization whose mission is to advance the science and practice of conserving the Earth's biological diversity, support dissemination of conservation science, and increase application of science to management and policy. The Society's membership comprises a wide range of people interested in the conservation and study of biological diversity. Resource managers, educators, government and private conservation workers, and students make up the thousands of members worldwide.

Sincerely,

John A. Cigliano, PhD,
President, Marine Section, Society for Conservation Biology