

**U.S. Senator Maria Cantwell**  
**Sila Battery Groundbreaking Recording**

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**Sen. Cantwell:** Hello and thank you for the opportunity to participate in this exciting groundbreaking.

Today we celebrate a win for Moses Lake, for the environment, and for helping make cars cleaner and more affordable.

I want to thank Sila for leading the way towards a cleaner energy future, a future that will create thousands of well-paying local jobs, advance domestic manufacturing, and protect our national security by reducing the need to import critical minerals.

These are exactly the goals Congress had in mind when we passed the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, the CHIPS and Science Act, and the Inflation Reduction Act.

Today is a great example of how these three historic investments are getting America back to what it does best, using innovation to invent the next generation of products and then building upon them here in the United States.

These landmark laws established a new Department of Energy grant program that had awarded Sila \$100 million to help jumpstart today's investment in the next generation of electric vehicle batteries. And this award invests in local workforce development through a partnership with Big Bend Community College, and Columbia Basin Technical Skill Center.

We also created a new manufacturing tax credit to accelerate the pace and scale of domestic battery production.

As you all know, increasing adoption of electric vehicles depends on increasing vehicle range and decreasing charging time. Sila's silicon anode technology takes on both of those challenges. Its innovation will make batteries charge faster and hold 20% more energy.

And for those reasons, the Sila Moses Lake plant will further solidify this region as a national hub for advanced batteries and the innovation of clean energy technologies. Thank you and I look forward to the scaling up of Sila's battery anode production with more celebrations to come.

So, thank you all for what you've done to continue to put Moses Lake and this technology on the map.