

# Cortez Masto talks shutdown, spying and pot

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Count Sen. Catherine Cortez Masto, D-Nev., among those with who hope to hear more from Dayle Elieson.

Masto – in a wide-ranging Friday interview that touched on everything from the shutdown to government spying – said she was still looking forward to meeting and talking more with Elieson, the ex-Texas prosecutor and U.S. Attorney who now holds the fate of Nevada's nascent legal marijuana industry.

Elieson was named as Nevada's top federal prosecutor on Jan. 5, one day after the Trump administration issued a memo that freed up U.S. prosecutors to enforce federal laws against marijuana, even in states that have legalized use of the plant.

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