

Elon Musk Pledged to Start a Political Party. He Is Already Pumping the Brakes.

**Billionaire seeks to maintain ties with JD Vance, potential heir
to Trump's MAGA political movement**

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The billionaire [Elon Musk](#) is quietly pumping the brakes on his plans to start a political party, according to people with knowledge of his plans.

Musk has told allies that he wants to focus his attention on his companies and is reluctant to alienate powerful Republicans by starting a third party that could siphon off GOP voters.